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INTRODUCTION

THE origin of the Grove family, stationed for many centuries in the extreme north of the present county of Worcester and still represented there, is lost in antiquity.

The early Court Rolls of Halesowen, now being transcribed and edited for the Worcestershire Historical Society by Mr. John Amphlett of Clent, mention individuals with the appellation ‘*de bosco*’ who doubtless were predecessors of the later Groves.

Nash, under Hagley (i. 488), writes: “Anno 1370, 44 Edw. iii Botetourt stiling himself dominus de Weolegh and Haggeley makes the following grant to Philip son of Roger *atte Grove* de Hagley which as it is an evidence of the great antiquity of a family which flourished at Wassel in this parish even down to my time. . . .”

Putting aside these early traces, we find in the middle of the sixteenth century branches of the family well established at Halesowen and Hagley and also at Rowley Regis. These doubtless were connected with one another, but which branch was the original of the family and gave life to the others is not clear.

At the Worcester Probate Registry, the oldest Grove

will of Halesowen is that of John proved 1540; the oldest of Hagley, that of William proved 1558; the oldest of Rowley, that of George proved 1575. The Rowley register begins with 1539, and the Halesowen with 1559, and in both the Grove entries are many and fairly continuous from the beginning onwards. From 1540 till 1620 there are at Worcester, eight Grove wills or administrations from Halesowen, three from Rowley, and five from Hagley. Later on there are plenty between 1660 and 1780 from Halesowen, Rowley, and Oldswinford; and other neighbouring parishes, e.g., Northfield, Kingsnorton, Kidderminster, Hagley, and Stourbridge contribute a few.

Particulars of the earliest wills of Hagley, Rowley, Oldswinford, and Kingsnorton are given in Appendix C as clues to investigators of the branches there settled, but otherwise these pages are confined to the Halesowen branch. *No attempt however is made to deal with the whole of the Halesowen branch:* it would be impossible to do so for several reasons, three of which may be given. In the first place, the recurrence of the same Christian names e.g. John, Daniel, William, Margery, excludes that certainty of identification which is the first requisite in genealogical efforts. The Groves (unfortunately from the writer's point of view) persisted in giving, generation after generation, to their children the names borne by their relatives of preceding days. Secondly, there is the impossibility of relying upon the registers as a complete record of family events. It is true that they go on with much regularity from 1559 onwards, but (a) there

are gaps which cannot be refilled, and (*b*) in the earlier half of the seventeenth century the Transcripts of the registers now at Edgar Tower Worcester are by no means in some of the years exact copies of the registers themselves. Thus in the earliest book there are gaps from March 1593 till March 1597, from November 1601 till December 1609. Under 1614 there is a footnote in the printed copy of the register "There do not appear to be any entries for 1614," and only eight entries occur under 1615: that is to say, from 24 March ending the year 1613 till 5 March 1615, a period of nearly two years, there are only eight entries whereas the 1614 transcript is a voluminous one with over a hundred entries and the 1615 one is a very large and full one too. Then later comes a gap in the unsettled period for ten years, 1643-53.

A third fact contributing to the impossibility of tracing the whole family, especially in the earlier times and onwards till 1653, is the initial difficulty of identifying the individuals who appear on the scene about and shortly after 1559 the time when the register begins, married Groves whose parentage and relationship to other members must remain unsolved.

The earliest Halesowen Grove met with is John living in 1538, and an attempt is made here to deal with his family, or rather with some members of it because the recurrence (as already stated) of the same names over and over again renders identification impossible at times, and the scions of his stock were innumerable, especially in the eighteenth century when,

for instance, between 1734 and 1759 no less than seven married couples were bringing their children to the font. Chapter I deals with the above-mentioned John's descendants through his grandson John, and though all members are not traced, a clear line of twelve generations is deduced. Chapter II contains particulars about descendants of John through his other grandsons, Thomas, William, Richard, and George: but owing to the recurrence of the same names and for other reasons these four lines cannot be traced with certainty like the line in Chapter I. In the Appendices are (*a*) particulars of other members of the family in early days, whose identity and relationship to John cannot be fully established and who do not appear in Chapters I and II, (*b*) reference to the Pearsalls and Peshalls and (*c*) brief notes on the earliest members met with by the writer of the branches outside but near to Halesowen.

The family did not record its pedigree at either of the Visitations of the County, but the substantial character of it is proved by the large number of Wills now at Worcester describing its members as yeomen or small owners, or as engaged in trade generation after generation.

Nor is there any trace of the Halesowen branch bearing arms, though it would seem from the following entry in Burke's Armoury (1884) that the Rowley branch did :

“Grove (Rowley Regis co. Stafford. Monument at Aldridge). Ar. three leaves vert on a canton gu. three crescents of the field.”

For the benefit of readers unacquainted with the locality it may be pointed out that the old parish of Halesowen, formerly in Shropshire, included Hawn or Hallon, Ludley, Hasbury, Cakemore, Romsley and Hunnington, as well as Cradley and Oldbury, and that thus it is not surprising to find an individual resident in different parts of it at different periods of his life.

Where no place is mentioned as the scene of marriages, baptisms, and burials, it will be understood that Halesowen is denoted.

The earlier generations dealt with in Chapter I are numbered for convenience.

THE GROVE FAMILY

CHAPTER I

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GROVE (LIVING 1538)
THROUGH HIS GRANDSON JOHN

FIRST GENERATION

JOHN is the earliest Grove of Halesowen known. He was living at Ludley when he made his will on 3 August 1538 and died some time between then and 25 Feb. 1540 when it was proved. His will now at Worcester shows that he was an elderly or at any rate middle-aged man because he speaks of his grandchildren, and so his birth may be assigned to about 1480 at the latest. Apparently he was a widower when he made his will as there is no mention of his wife, and doubtless he was a smith as he bequeaths his "smythy geyre." No particulars of his daughters and their marriages are forthcoming, as the order of Thomas Cromwell Henry VIII's minister for the keeping of a register in every parish was not issued till 1538, the date of his will, and the Halesowen register up to 1559 is not forthcoming, but the "Johane Smythe" buried 10 July 1569 was probably

his daughter. His children as gathered from his will consisted of—

William, son and executor. (See below.)

Jone = Smith	}	living, and married with families,
Annes = Baker		
Margery =		Aug. 1538.

WILL

In the name of God amen the yer of our Lorde God a thousande v hūderd & xxxviii and the thryde day of Agust I John Grove of *LUDLER* & of the pishe of Halysowen make my testamet on thys man^t of wise furst I bequeathe my soule unto Almyghty God trustyg to be savyd by the meritys of hys passion & desiryng our lady and all saynts yn hevyn to p^y for me my body to be beryd yn p^c churche yerde of Halisowen Also I gyffe unto the mot^r churche of Wrsset^r vi^d It. unto y^e hye Aul^r of Halysowen vi^d It to y^e srnes of Jhn in y^e same churche of Halys vi^d It unto y^e srnes of owre lady in the same churche of Halys ii^s It to the hye lyght before y^e r^oode in the same churche of Halis iii^d Also I gyffe unto Jone Smythe my dowght^r xl^s It I gyffe unto Annes Baker my Dowght^r xx^s & p^t to be made of suche goodes as I have Also I gyffe unto Jhon Grove my god sone a materes a peyre of shetys two canvassys a coverlette a bolster and all my smythys geyre my seconde best potte and my seconde best pane It I gyffe unto *Williā Grove my sone & heyre* two sylver sponys the best It. I gyffe unto Annes Baker my dowght^r my thyrd best sylver spone It. I gyffe unto Jone Smythe my dowght^r a sylver spone It I gyffe unto Jone Baker my goddowght^r a sylver spone It. I gyffe unto two chyldryn of Margery my dowght^r & to ed^r of them iii^s iiii^d Also I gyffe unto Jhon Baker & George Baker to ed^r of them v^s It I gyffe unto two chyldyn of Jone Smythys to ed^r of them iii^s iiii^d Also all od^r goods not bequeythyd my will pfermyd I gyffe y^{em} unto Williā my Sone whom I make myne executor and S^r Jhon Hūtbache myne over

sear to see thys my Will to be pformyd. Thes beyng wittnes—
 S^r Pet^r Abram S^r Jhon Hūtbache Thomas Ad'syche w^t od^r moo.
 (Proved 25 February 1540.)

Who John, the godson, was is not certain: but most probably he was the John husband of Ann who died 42 Eliz. (see Appendix A). The phraseology of this will with its invocation of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, made before the changes at the Reformation, is in marked contrast to that of the later ones of post-Reformation days which will be given below.

SECOND GENERATION

WILLIAM proved his father's will in 1540, and as no other son is mentioned in it it would seem that he was the only one. But this was not necessarily the case, and possibly as stated in Appendix A Robert of Ludley whose will was proved in 1559 was his brother. He doubtless inherited from his father the land he owned at Ludley when he made his will in 1566, and was at the least a middle-aged man for he speaks of his five sons, three daughters, and his grandchildren. He was buried at Halesowen 15 June 1566, and his widow Elizabeth on 4 Jan. following, both being described as then of Hawn. His will is unfortunately decayed at the sides, but the dotted lines show the missing parts.

WILL

. . . the name of god amē the xth daye of maii and in the yere
 of owre lord . . & LXVI in the eyght yere of y^e rayne of o^r
 soverayne lady Elizabet . . the grace of god of eyngland
 ffraunce & Ireland quene Defen the ffeythe I Wyllm
 grove of the pryshe of haylesowen sek . . bodye but thanks be

geven to Allmygtye god of a good & perffec . . . ry mayke my testamt and last Wyll in maner ffloynge ffyrst . . . ethe my soule to Jesus cryst by whose onlye merytes I ffeyth . . . beleve to be saved my bodye to be bueryeyd in the chur . . . haylesowen ffyrste I gyve & bequethe to every one of my sons . . . doughttures that ys to sey *Thomas Richard Wyllm George J. . margaret & Crystyan* to every on of them vi^s & viii^d It I bequeth . . . hn my sonne all that my psel of grounde llyngē & beyngē i . . . calleyd huntynge tree fyld contenyngē xiii lands llyngē togeth . . . llyngē to a Corne mylle I gyve to John paston Also my dougt . . . ne vi^s viii^d I gyve to every one of my chyldurnes chyldurns e . . . of thē xii^d I gyve to ye pore mans boxe vi^d I gyve & bequethe . Elizabet my Wyfe all my lands & tenemts wyche I have llyngē & beyng . . . the touneshype of Ludley ffor the terme of seyxe yeres to entur . mmedyatly & aft^r my departynge if the seyd Elizabt chaunce to dye before the seyd vi yeres be ffully eynded then my Wyl ys that *John my sone* shall have the Resydeu of the years that shall then Remayne after hyr decesse I gyve aliso to y^e seyd Elizabt my wyfe all that my Indenture of leyse wyche I have of one cotayge or tenemt w^t certen lands llyngē in Rowleye to hyr & hyr assynes duerynge the yeres in y^e same specyfeyed the Rest of all my godes & catelles onbequethyde my dettes payd & thys my last wyll pfirmyd my bodye honestlie brought to the grounde I gyve & bequethe to *Elizabet my Wyfe whom I mayke & ordur to be my exsecutryxe w^t John my sone* and I gyve to y^e seyd John for hys peyns takynge iii^s iiiii^d thes wetness Adam Jeven vicar of clent Wyllm grove Wyllm hyll Thomas persall w^t other.

(Proved 6 August 1566.)

INVENTORY (decayed at the top)

ffyfe covers for beyds and x cāvacys	xxvi ^s viii ^d
vi peyre of flaxon shets	xxiiii ^s
vi peyres of hempon	x ^s
& vi of noggēn shets	v ^s
ffyfe bord clothes ffyfe towelles wyth all other lenen clothes	vi ^s viii ^d

bords formes bedstyds one horse carte on couborde	xiii ^s xii ^d
ii cheres w̄ all other Implements of trene vessell	iii ^s iii ^d
on mustarde mylle	xii ^d
certe old peyntyd clothes }	
vi keovchyns ¹ & bancar ² }	
beyffe and bacon in the Roffe w ^t certen chesys	vi ^s viii ^d
fyfe spones of syllver	xiii ^s iii ^d
a cote a doblet a peyre of hose & schous	x ^s
w ^t all other apparell for his bodye	
Sm of these godes	xliii ^l xviii ^s x ^d
John Parks of langley	
outhe of a just accounte	iii ^{ll}

The mention of the corn mill and the "mustarde mylle" is interesting in the light of his son John's description of himself as a "grinder." The names of Pearsall ³ and Paston will be met with again: the families of those names were of good standing in Halesowen. Huntingtree occurs again in the will (1588) of his son Richard (pp. 53, 54).

THIRD GENERATION

William's will shows that he had eight children: John, Thomas, William, Richard, George, Margaret, Christian and Jone. The last seven of these and their descendants appear in Chapter II, and we are concerned here only with

¹ Cushions.

² Bunker, or a covering for a bench or chair. Cf. Old French, *banquier* derived from *banc*, a bench.

³ For the Pearsalls, see Appendix B.

JOHN who proved his father's will in 1566 and was probably the eldest. In his will made 1605 he describes himself as a grinder of Ludley, and as he died forty years after his father he must have lived to be an elderly man. He speaks of James "my yonger sonne" which shows that at the time of his will he had only two, William being the elder: therefore the Henry bap. in 1564 as son of John was now dead, and the gaps in the register 1593-7 and 1601-9 are probably responsible for there being no record of his burial. He also speaks of three daughters, all married before 8 Oct. 1605 :—

(1) Anne, married to Adam Cox who made the inventory of his father-in-law's goods and who had a daughter Isabella bap. 28 Nov. 1591.

(2) Mary, married to Clifton.

(3) Jane, married to Bennett. A Jone, daughter of Arthur and *Johane* Bennett was bap. 9 Feb. 1576.

As there is no mention of his wife probably John was a widower in 1605. And who she was is not absolutely clear, as the following entries show :—

1560. 26 May John Grove = Jone Westwood.

1564. 5 Feb. Henry, son of John, bap.

1567. 15 June John Grove = Margarett Harries.

1567. 16 Feb. James, son of John, bap.

It would seem that John married twice though no record of the first wife's burial is forthcoming, and if so William and Henry were by the first wife, and James by the second, born eight months after the marriage.

This John must not be confused with John, husband of Ann, who died in or before 42 Eliz. (see Appendix A) and who was probably the godson mentioned in the will of John (1538).

WILL

In the name of God amen Anno d^m 1605 the eighth day of october In the yeare of the raigne of of Soveraigne lord James by the grace of god King of England ffrance and Ireland the third and of Scotland the xxxixth defender of the faith I John Grove of Ludley in the pishe of Halesowen in the County of Wigorn grinder being weake in body yet in pfect remembraunce thancks be given to Almichtey god doe make and ordeyne this my last will and testamnt in manner and frme fllowing that is to say ffirst I give and bequeath my sowle to the almighty god my heavenly maker stedfastlie trusting to be saved by the precious blood sheeding and merits of Jesus Christ my blessed redeemer, and my bodye to be buried in the pishe Church o^r Churcheyard of Halesowen at the discretion of my Execut^r Item I give and bequeath unto Will^m Grove my sonne my second brasse pann six of my sheepe one great chest standing wthin the solle^r one paie^r of bed stedd^s wthin the sollor upon w^{ch} James my sonne lay of wth one chaffe bed upon the same two Twillyes one blancket a bed heeling and one chaffe boulster and a feather boulster Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Cox my daughter fower sheepe Item I give and bequeath unto Marye Clifton my daughter one black cowe one flaxen sheete wth an open seeme two kerchers one smocke one peticote Item I give and bequeth unto Jane Bennet my daughter ii^s in money Item I give and bequeath unto Anthony Grove my man one good Ewe Item I give and bequeath unto John Grove one good Ewe Item I give and bequeath unto Alice Greene one Ewe Lambe Item I give and bequeath unto Will^m Grove my sonne one platter and a pottinger Item I give and bequeath unto Isabell Cox my daughter Anne Cox her daughter iii^s iii^d in lawful money All the rest of my goods unbequeathed I give and bequeath unto James Grove my yonger sonne And

I mak the said James my sonne my whole Execut^r to see this
my last will and testament duely pfrmed and executed.

The marke x of John Grove Witnesses to this
testament W^m Westwood Anthony Grove W^m Grove
and John Grove.

(Proved by son James 12 July 1606.)

A TRUE INVETORIE OF ALL THE GOODES AND . . . ELL OF
JOHN GROVE OF LUDLEY DECEASSED TAKEN AND
PREASED BY WILLM GROVE, THELDER WILLM GROVE
THE YOUNGER ADDAM COXE RICHARD JACKSON AND
ANTONYE GROVE.

Imprims three kyne pric	vi ^s
towe calves price	xx ^s
one mare pric	xx ^s
one hogge pric	vi ^s viij ^d
vi geese pric	iij ^s iiiij ^d
three henes pric	xij ^d
one stalle of bees pric	iij ^s iiiij ^d
Rye barley and otes growinge}	
one the grownd pric	xl ^s
fowre beadds and all that}	
belongeth to them pric	xliij ^s iiiij ^d
towe board clothes one towell)	
& a pillowe beare pric	iij ^s iiiij ^d
vi cheasts and cofferes pric	xx ^s
three barrells & fowre pintes pric	vj ^s
one fatte pric	v ^s
hemp & flaxe pric	ij ^s
hempe on the ground pric	xij ^d
fowre lea of yourne pric	viij ^d
A spininge whwelle a hachell)	
and a peire of cornes pric	ij ^s
one skeele & a churne pric	ij ^s vj ^d
all maner of brasse & pewter pric	xlx ^s

one broache a peire of cobberts a geale a fiere shovell a peire of tonges an iorne grate a brand iorne and a fryinge pane pric	v ^s
pane pric	
a table boarde & a fowrme pric	ij ^s vj ^d
a cubbert pric	iiij ^s
certaine sheelvess benches &	v ^s
stooles pric	
an axe and a bill pric	xij ^d
a peire of harrowes pric	ij ^s
a spade a shovell & a pickeforck pric	xvj ^d
treene vessell & other trumperie pric	ij ^s
ane aunvell a peire of bellowes	iiij ^s
toe beckiornes ix hamers tenn	
peire of tonges with the rest of	
all other tolles in the shoppe,	
pric	
toe iron spindells for a	x ^s
blade mille pric	
Sume total	xxij ^s x ^s viij ^d

Exhibited xij July 1606.

This inventory is signed, James Grove.

For the Anthony, William and John mentioned as witnesses or appraisers, *cf.* p. 51.

FOURTH GENERATION

JAMES (younger brother of William and son of John) was bap. 16 Feb. 1567 and was therefore about thirty-eight when he proved his father's will in 1606. His children were—

i. "Agnis d. of Jeames" bap. 3 March 1610.

ii. "Marye grove daughter of Jeames was baptized the xvth of May" 1614. This is in the Transcript though not in the register.

iii. James, married to Anne Perks in 1637. (See under fifth generation.)

iv. William, bap. 8 April 1621 as son of James.

v. George, bap. as son of James 3 April 1625 and bur. 31 August "infant."

vi. Elizabeth, bap. 30 Sep. 1627 as dau. of James.

Of these, William, bap. 1621 requires special notice. He married 7 Nov. 1665 Elizabeth Stanly (apparently dau. of John Stanley and bap. 25 Sept. 1625) but had no family. He was buried 19 May 1692 and she 28 Sept., 1696. In his will made 18 Jan. 1691 (proved 25 May 1692) he describes himself as a sailor of Hawne, and speaks of his nephews James, Daniel, and Joseph, and of Joseph's son. In her will made 18 Oct., 1695 (proved 12 Oct. 1696) she speaks of the same nephews and mentions Joseph's son as being William.

FIFTH GENERATION

JAMES. The baptism of James, who married Anne Perks 6 June 1637 and who was of Hawn, is not in the register and does not seem to be in the transcripts, but this is not surprising in the face of the facts given in the Introduction about the gaps in the register and the discrepancies at this time between the register and the transcripts. That he was a brother of William (bap. 1621) and therefore son of the preceding James is clear from the Wills of William proved 1692 and of Elizabeth, William's widow, proved 1696, now to be given. The former speaks of his nephew Joseph, and of Joseph's son, and the latter speaks of Joseph's son by name, William. Now Joseph was born Aug. 24 and bap. 30 Aug. 1657 as son of James and Anne of Hawn, and William was bap. 3 Oct. 1686 as son of

Joseph and Elizabeth: and thus the two wills and the baptismal entries establish the relationship of the brothers William and James. Obviously James was the elder of the two as he married in 1637 whereas William was not born till 1621. Possibly he was born before Agnis in 1610 during the gap (1601-9) in the register: if not, he was accidentally omitted by the illiterate scribe of that time who made a point of spelling his father's name as Jeames!

James was alive in 1657 the year of his youngest child's baptism, but doubtless was dead before 1691 when his brother William's will makes no mention of him though it does of his son and grandson.

WILL OF WILLIAM

In the name of God Amen The eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord God 1691 and in the third year of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord and Lady William and Mary by the grace of God of England Scottland ffrance & Ireland King and Queen defendors of the faith &c. I William Grove of Hawne ats Hallon within the parish of Halesowen in the County of Salop Naylor being at this tyme in good health and of sound minde & memory praysed be God therefore But being assured of the uncertainty of this Life & of the tyme of my death doe make & ordeyn this my last will and Testament in manner following. ffirst & prnciply I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it in hopes of a joyfull resurrection And my body I committ to the earth whence it came to be decently buried according to y^e discretion of my executrix here after named And as for my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I devise and bequeath the same as followeth. Item I give devise and bequeath unto *Elizabeth my loveing wife* All that my Cottage messuage tenement or dwelling house at Hawn wherein I now dwell with the barne naileshops gardens & backsyds thereto belonging

And also all that close¹ conteining by estimation one acre which adjoyneth to the buildings aforesaid, & also one other close¹ about one acre between the land of Nicholas Paston of Hawn & Thomas Pearsall of y^e same all which said bilding & lands & p'misses are held by lease as by the indenture it doth more largly appear wherefore I do hereby fully freely give & grant & assigne over all the rest & residue & remainder of the years yet to come & unexpired unto Elizabeth my beloved wife as beforementoned. Item I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Grove one other acre of free Land lying in newfield¹ between ye land of Jo^a Pryn Ironmonger & y^e land of Jo^a Shenstone Drovyer to her & to her heires for ever. Item I give & bequeath to Elizabeth my beloved wife all my goods within the house whatsoever & also all my corn & catle growing & being now or hereafter in my possession to her own proper use. Provided always that Elizabeth my wife do pay or cause to be payd all my just debts now owing my funerall expences being discharged by my executrix hereafter mentōned. Item my will is that whatsoevere my beloved wife Elizabeth Grove hath not of ? necessity by long life old age or long and much sicknesse but remaines unspent & theare being no occasion as to her owne proper use or necessity of a maintainance any further my will is it be disposed of amongst my kindred & relations as are hereinafter mentioned. ffirst I give to *John Grove son of John Grove late of the burrough of Halesowen deceased* the sum of one shilling when he in his own person shall make a demand. Item I give to *William* &

¹ In Birmingham Free Library there is a deed, numbered 220088 bearing date 18 March 1670, for an exchange of land between Ri. Higgins yeoman of Hasberry and W^m. Grove of Hawne, nailer. Higgins gives up to Grove a piece of one acre in Newfields between the land of John Pearsall deceased on the east and of Henry Haden on the north and pays £3, and Grove gives up a close in Hasbury called Bourne Slingett containing 1½ acres.

In another deed of 14 Oct. 1673 (No. 220089) the same W^m. Grove and Elizabeth his wife, for the sum of £9 received, make over to Francis Tayler of Halesowen, locksmith, seven parcels of arable land containing 1 acre in High Field.

*James Grove sons of ye deceased Joⁿ Grove of Hales aforsd
a parte left to ye discretion of my executrix w^t it shall be.
Item I give to James Grove my nephew a parte. Item I give
Daniell Grove my nephew a parte. Item to my nephew Josephs
son a parte. It^m to John Stanly a parte. Item to mary Asburry
dawghter to Jon Asberry a parte. Item to Mary Bach? my
present servant & daughter in law to John Connor a parte.
Now my will is that my beloved wife dispose to every &
all of these relations herein named according to her minde &
will as she shall think most meet & most charitable. Item I
ordein appoint & do make Elizabeth my beloved wife sole
executrix of this my last will & testament & do revoke all
other & former wills w^soever Item I do nominate & appointe
Thomas Pearsall[†] & Nicholas Paston to be my overseers of
this my last will & testament that all be performed accordingly.*

In wittnesse whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal
the day & year first above written.

WILLIAM X GROVE

Edward Paston

Will. Paston

John Brettell

(Proved by widow 25 May 1692.)

INVENTORY

A true inventory of all the goods Cattels & Chatles of
william Grove late of Hawne deceased is as followeth
This 20th day of may one thousand six hundred ninty
and two it was taken.

	L s. d.
Impris His purse money and wearing apparel at	0 10 0
Item one lod of wool at	0 11 0
Item 3 stone of tow	0 6 0
15 slippings of yearn	0 12 0
6 striks of malt	0 13 0
2 striks of oates at	0 2 6
Item one Coffer at	0 4 0

[†] A Thomas Pearsall married Elizabeth Grove 17 Aug. 1676.
(See Appendix B.)

THE GROVE FAMILY

Item 3 bags	o	4	o
wheels & a reel at	o	3	o
Item A Brass pot & cestles at	o	16	o
6 dishes of pewter	o	10	o
Iron wares & husbandry tools	o	10	o
Item 2 Tables & form & bread skeal &			
cupboard payles & tubs & other	1	o	o
wooden vessels at			
Item one flicht of Bacon at	o	13	o
6 cheeses	o	6	o
one bible & other books	o	6	o
Item 2 beds 3 bolsters & blankets	2	o	o
3 Coffers & one box	o	8	o
2 paire of flaxon sheets	1	o	o
5 paire of other sheets	1	4	o
4 barrells and lumber forgotten	o	6	8
Without doors			
Impis 3 acres of corn oates and pease at	3	o	o
4 Cows 2 calves at	10	10	o
6 sheep at		18	o
one miskin of dung at		15	o
one store pigg		12	o
Item one acre barley hemp & flax at	1	4	o
A lease of one house & 2 acres of land	1	10	o
one stall of Beese at	o	2	6
one stone of Hurds at	o	1	8
	30	18	4

Taken & apprized by us

The day & year as above

Thomas Pearsall

Rich Paston

Sign

Mary x Pearsall

Everything was thus left to the widow Elizabeth to deal with as she liked, with this one exception that John

(son of the deceased John who was doubtless his nephew bap. in 1642) was to be cut off with a shilling !

How faithfully the trust reposed in her was met appears in the

WILL OF ELIZABETH

In the Name of God Amen I Elizabeth Grove of Hawne in the pish of Halesowen & County of Salop Widd being Sick in body but of sound and pfect minde and understanding doe make & ordaine this my last Will & Testam^t in manner following—

Imp's I comend my Soule to God who gave it & my body to the Earth to be Decently buried according to the Discrecon of my Executor herein after named And as for Such Worldly Estate as I possesse I give & Devise the same as followeth—

Item I give and Devise to the Seu'all and respective Legatees herein after mencōnd the seu'all and respective legacies herein allsoe after mencōnd To be paid and dischardged by my Execut^r & otherwise—

It^m I give to my *Nephew James Grove* of Hawne the Sume of ffive pounds to be paid him within two yeares next after my Decease.—

It^m I give to Mary daughter of the said James Grove the Sume of Two pounds to be paid her when she shall attaine the age of one & twenty yeares.—

It^m I give to *William Son of Joseph Grove late of Halesowen* aforesaid the Sume of ffive shillings when he shall attaine the age of one & twenty yeares.—

It^m I give to my Nephew John Stanley ffive shillings to be paid within two Yeaeres next after my Decease.

It^m I give to Mary Daughter of John Asbury ffive Shillings.

It^m I give to *Elizabeth Daughter of my s^d Executor Daniell Grove* the Sume of Ten pounds to be paid her when She Shall attaine to the age of one & twenty Yeares.

It^m I give to my Brother William Stanley ffifty Shillings to be paid him within Two yeaeres next after my Decease But if the S^d William dye before this Legacie become Due I order my Executor to pay & Distribute the same Legacy to & amongst

his wife and three Daughters—pporcōnably or amongst such of them as shall be then liveing.—

It^m I give to my Sister Anne Asbury ffive Shillings.

It^m I give to my Sister Mary Bissell ffive Shillings.

It^m I give to *William son of John Grove late of Halesowen* aforesaid the Sumē of ffive shillings.

It^m I give to *James son of the s^d John Grove* the Sumē of ffive Shillings.

It^m I give to Mary the wife of Jacob Brettle who was lately my Serv^t Maid One Shilling.

It^m I give to *William Grove and Joseph Grove my Executors Two Sons* the sume of ffive pounds a peece to be paid them according to the discrēcon of my Executor Daniell Grove.

It^m I give and devise unto my Executor Daniell Grove All that my Messuage Cottage or Tenem^t wherein I now dwell Together wth the Barnes Naylshop Gardens and backsides thereto belonging And all that One Close Conteyning about one acre adjoyning unto Some pte of the aforesaid buildings and p^rmisses and allsoe one other Closse about the quantity of one acre and lyeth bounded on all ptes wth the lands of Thomas Pearsall gent^r and Nicholas Paston gent^r both of Hawne and w^{ch} said buildings lands and p^rmisses were devised to me by the last Will and Testam^t [of] *William Grove late of Hawne aforesaid my Decēd husband* To have and to hold the said Messuage or Cottage and all other the buildings lands and p^rmisses wth theire and eu^ry of theire apptins unto the said Daniell Grove his exec^rs administ^rs or assignes for during all Such interest and Terme of years as I have therein and are therein allsoe yet to come and unexpired. Provided the S^d Daniell after his decease pmitt Elizabeth his now wife To hold the Messuage and other the buildings Gardens and one Closse adjoyning to the same for the Terme of her nrāll life.—

It^m I make the s^d Thomas Pearsall gent and Nicholas Paston gent ou^rseers of this my Will and give to each of them Two Shillings Sixpence a peece.

All the rest and residue of my Estate goods and Chattles whatsoeu^r and of what nature soeu^r not be me herein disposed of I give and devise to the s^d Daniell Grove of Ludley my

kinsman whom I ordeyne my full and Sole Execut^r hereby revoakeing all former and other Wills and Doe Declare this to be my last Will and Testam^t. In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seale this Eighteenth Day of Octob^r Anno Domⁱ. 1695 and in the Seventhe yeare of the Raigne of our Souaigne Lord King William the Third ou^r England, &c.

ELIZABETHE X GROVE

Signed sealed published and declared
as the last Will and Testam^t of the s^d
Elizabeth Grove in the p'sence of

Anne Paston Richard Nash Hen: Haden.

(Proved 12 Oct. 1696.)

INVENTORY

A True and pfect Inventory of all and Singuler the goods Cattle and Chattles of Elizabeth Grove late of Hawne in the pish of Halesowen and County of Salop and Diocesse of Worcest^r taken vallued and apprized this twelfth day of Octob^r Anno Domⁱ 1696 by us whose names are hereto Subscribed being the Apprizers of the Same :

	li. s. d.
Imp ^s her purse Girdle and Weareing Apparell	01 00 00
It ^m One Lease for Six hundred and od Yeares yet to come of a Cottage Tenement Barne	60 00 00
Shop Garden and two acres of Arrable land vallued at	
It ^m Two Cowes and two Heifers vallued at	10 00 00
One Pig vallued at	01 00 00
One Mixen of Muck at	01 00 00
One parcell of Oates at	01 00 00
Barley vallued at	01 00 00
Mixcorne vallued at	01 00 00
One pcell of Hay at	01 10 00
Pouse	00 10 00
Sum tot.	78 00 00

Aprized by
Nicholas Paston Henry Haden

The Wills given above together with the Halesowen register and transcripts establish the

SIXTH GENERATION

viz. the children of James of Hawn by Anne Perks. They were :—

i. Henry ii. John iii. and iv. James and Daniel v. Mary vi. Joseph and possibly others born during the gap 1643–53.

i. Henry's¹ baptism on 17 Feb. 1638 as son of James and Anne is in the transcript though not in the register. No other trace of him is forthcoming, but apparently he was the Henry buried 9 Dec. 1681 and if so this accounts for his non-mention in the uncle and aunt's wills.

ii. John bap. 18 Dec. 1642 as son of James and Anne. The Wills speaking of John *late* of Halesowen do not actually describe him as nephew of the testators, but presumably the deceased John of the wills was identical with their nephew and was also the John buried 13 May 1688, *i.e.* to say three years before the uncle's will was made. John and Jane had a daughter Mary, bap. 19 Nov. 1659 and the wife Jane was buried 6 June 1661 as the transcript shows. John and Mary had five children: Mary bap. 4 July 1662, Daniel bap. 12 Nov. 1673 (transcript), Elizabeth bap. 16 July 1676, James bap. 3 March 1677 (*i.e.* 1677⁻⁸) and Mary bap. 12 April 1680 (apparently buried 22 Sept. 1683). In the Wills three sons of John late of Halesowen are mentioned, viz. John, cut off with a shilling, James, and William, but the baptism of James only is forthcoming. On the other hand we have

¹ The ink is much faded in the Transcript but the "Henrie" seems unmistakable.

the baptisms of two daughters not mentioned in the Wills. What became of these three sons is not clear, and does not matter from the writer's point of view because he is tracing the family of James by Anne Perks through a younger son Daniel and not through the elder son John the father of the three sons, but the particulars as to John given above may be of service to any investigator of the elder branch.

iii. and iv. James and DANIEL, nephews of William and sons of his only brother James were doubtless born during the unsettled times and the gap in the register (1643-53) is responsible for there being no trace of their baptisms. Daniel married 22 April 1680 Elizabeth Standley, and James married on 21 June of the same year Mary Standley. It is not unlikely that the brides were sisters: doubtless they were relatives of the aunt of their husbands, Elizabeth Stanly, the provision in Elizabeth's will for Daniel's wife pointing that way. James was settled at Cradley in 1683 at the time of the baptism of his daughter Mary, and witnessed his brother Daniel's will in 1696: and apparently was the James of Hawn buried 4 May 1700. DANIEL, having been appointed executor of the Will of his aunt Elizabeth, who was buried 28 Sept. 1696, lost no time in making his own will on 7 October following. He was then "weake in body." He had inherited the aunt's property at Hawn with the reversion of it at his death to his own wife Elizabeth Standley, and feeling that he was not likely to live to carry out the provisions of the will and to pay the legacies prescribed in it, he left all he had to his wife on condition that she did so. His anticipation was realized: he survived his aunt only seven weeks and was buried on 15 Nov. 1696. Before giving his will we must notice

v. Mary, born 26 May, bap. 3 June 1655, bur. 4 June 1655 as dau. of James and Anne of Halne.

vi. Joseph, born 24 Aug. bap. 30 Aug. 1657 as son of James and Anne of Halne, had two sons by his wife Elizabeth, (*a*) William, bap. 3 Oct. 1686 and mentioned in his great-aunt Elizabeth's will, and (*b*) Joseph bap. 21 April 1689 and bur. as "infant" 28 April 1691 and therefore not mentioned in that will. The parents were living at Hunnington in 1686 and at Hawn in 1689: the father seems to have died before 18 Jan. 1691, when his uncle's will was made.

WILL OF DANIEL

In the name of God Amen I Daniel Grove of Hawn in the Pish of Halesowen in the county of Salop Nailor tho weake in body yet of pfec^t minde & memory do make & ordeine this my last Will & testament in manner & forme following.

Impr̄is I comend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth to be decently buried according to the discretion of my executrix herein after named And as for such Worldly estate as God hath Blessed me with I give & devise as follows.

I give and bequeth to Elizabeth my wife my two houses naileshops barnes buildings fouldyards backsyds gardens orchard & all & every thire apptenances with the close of arable land now adjoyning thereunto conteining one acre for all the rest and remainders of years yet to come & unexpired. Item I give all my psonall estate household goods catle and chatles wthin doors and without to Elizabeth my wife And further my will is that Elizabeth my wife out of the house land goods and chatles do pay & pform the full contents of the last will & testament of Elizabeth Grove late of Hawn deceasd my Aunt & pay every pticular legacy to every pticular pson therein nominated accordingly. I make Elizabeth my wife my sole executrix of this my last will and testament.

Item I make and ordeine Thomⁿ Pearsall and Nich. Paston my overseers of this my last will & testament desiring them to

see this my minde fullfilled & I do giue them one shilling a
peece And I do revoke all former wills & declare this to be my
last will & testament In witnessse whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this seventh day of October Anno 1696 & in
the eighth year of the reigne of our soūgne Lord William the
third ou England.

DANIEL X GROVE

Sealed delivered published
& declared as the last will &
testament of Daniel Grove in
the p'sence of

The marke x of James Grove
The marke x of Eliza Pearsall
John Brettell

(Proved 4 Sept. 1697 by executrix.)

INVENTORY

A True and pfect Inventory of all and Singuler the
goods Cattle and Chattles of Daniel Grove late of Hawne
in the pish of Halesowen and County of Salop and
Diocesse of Worcester taken vallued and apprized this
Twelfth day of march Anno Dom 1696 by us whose
names are hereto Subscribed being Apprizers of the Same.

	L s. d.
Imp ^{rs} his purse Girdle and weareing Apparell	00 18 00
Item One Lease for six hundred and od years yet to come of A Cottage or Tenement barne	20 00 00
Shop Garden and one acre of arable land vallued at	
Itm Two cows one heifer vallued at	06 00 00
one mixen of muck at	00 06 08
In the dwelling house one table bord and frame two Cettles and three dishes of pewter and two old chires	01 02 06
one old Iron Pott one land ¹ Iron fire Shoule and toungs	00 04 06

¹ Land is clear, but hand is doubtless meant.

In the Chamber two halfeheaded beds stidds two	} 00 17 00
blanketts four p ^r of Sheetts	
one Chest and two old Coffers and three little	} 00 12 08
Barrells one paile one Brewing Vesall and milk	
pans in the Buttery	
In the Chamber over the house Cheese vallued at	00 06 08
flaxen Too ¹ and two Stone of hurds vallued at	00 03 04
Two Spining wheels vallued at	00 03 08
ffour strike of oats & two strike of barley vall ^d at	00 11 08
Hay in the borne vallued at	02 00 00
things out of sight and fforgott at	00 02 06
	Sum tot 31 15 02

Apprized by

Nicho^s Paston

Thomas Pearsall

Anne Paston

SEVENTH GENERATION

Of the marriage of Daniel with Elizabeth Standley (22 April 1680) there were six children : One, Daniel, baptized 29 Oct. 1686 was bur. as "a child" 11 Dec. 1692. The other five were beneficiaries under the Will (1695) of their great-aunt Elizabeth, Joseph and William having bequests of £5 each, and Elizabeth £10. Two other unnamed daughters are to share with Elizabeth in the bequest to William Stanley in the event of his death before his legacy becomes due (see pp. 15, 16).

Elizabeth was baptized 20 April 1684, and William 24 May 1691.

JOSEPH the eldest child was baptized 20 Feb. 1680. He lived at Hawn, and married on 4 Oct. 1710 Hannah Butler. He was buried 17 June 1715 and she as "widow of Hawn" 2 Dec. 1741. There were two children of the marriage who comprise the

¹ I.e. tow.

EIGHTH GENERATION

i. Anne, bap. 14 Oct. 1711, and

ii. JOSEPH, bap. 1713, both named as children of Joseph and Hannah of Hawn. Joseph apparently was privately baptized and afterwards received into the Church because there are two entries of his baptism,

" 1713 February

"Joseph Grove Son of Joseph & Hañah Grove de Hawn Bapt ye 27th."

" 1713 March

"Joseph Grove son of Joseph & Hañah Grove de Hawn Bapt the 14th."

He married Hannah Stringer of Rowley on 1 Sep. 1734 and had five sons: Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, Benjamin, and Matthew. He was buried 22 March 1784, and she 19 Oct. 1791 aged 77. Their stone near the west wall of Halesowen Church is inscribed thus:

In
Memory of
Joseph Grove who
departed this life
March the 15 1784
Aged 77¹

Also Hannah wife of
the abovesaid Joseph
Grove died October
the 15 1791 Aged 77

We live and labour get and save
Till Death commands us to the grave
Reader, in all thy gains besure
Of an Estate that will endure.

¹ Clearly the stonecutter's error for 71.

WILL

In y^e name of God Amen. I Joseph Grove of y^e Parish of Halesowen in ye County of Salop Huzbandman being in perfect health (Blessed be God for y^e same) but minding y^e uncertainty of humane life do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner following, that is to say First of all I comit my body to y^e earth to be decently buried at y^e discretion of my Executor hereinafternamed. And as to my Worldly Estate I dispose thereof as followeth. First I hereby order that all my just debts & Funeral expenses be fully paid off & dischargin'd. After which I give & bequeath & devise unto my loving Wife Hannah Grove y^e use of all my money, household goods, stock & Utensils in Huzbandry & als^o all that my Messuage Lands & Buildings in y^e Parish of Frankly in y^e County of Worcester now in y^e holding of my son SAMUEL Grove for and during y^e term of her natural life provided she continueth so long in Widowhood but not otherwise. And after her decease or second marriage I give & bequeath & devise all my said money, household goods, Stock, Utensils in Huzbandry & all my Personal effects whatsoever and wheresoever & also all that my said Messuage Lands and Building in y^e Parish of Frankly in y^e County of Worcester now in ye holding of my son Samuel Grove aforesaid to all my Children to be equally divided among them share and share alike. But if my son BENJAMIN Grove should not repay me ye sum of twenty pounds which I lately lent him in my life time it is my Will that ye said sum of twenty pounds shall be deducted out of his Share of my real & personal estate hereinbefore mentioned. Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my said son Joseph Grove executor of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this [blank] day of September 1771.

Ye marke X of JOSEPH GROVE

Sign'd seal'd publish'd & declar'd
by y^e within named Testator to be his
last will & testament in the presence of

P. Wilmot Anne Stamps

George Gearey

Seal

(Proved 6 May 1784 by the executor
Joseph & sworn under £100.)

The seal on the Will is striking and seems to represent a cherub riding a lion: the motto round it is "omnia vincit amor."

It would seem that P. Wilmot wrote out the will. Reference to the bolder hand in which Samuel and Benjamin are written occurs later on p. 27.

Thomas and Matthew would be included in the "all my children."

He was living in different parts of Halesowen at different periods of his life. In 1734 when his eldest son Joseph was bap. he was of Hawn: in 1744 when Benjamin was bap. he was of Cakemore: in 1759 when his youngest Matthew was bap. he was living at Hunnington. So far as can be judged from the register of Frankley which adjoins Halesowen the holding there was occupied by his sons successively.

The entries at Frankley (1735-91) are important as bearing on the history of his family:

- 1763 Sep. 25. William, s. of Tho. and Mary, bap.
- 1768 June 19. Joseph, s. of Samuel and Susanna, bap.
- 1771 Dec. 8. Sarah, d. of Joseph and Mary, bap.
- 1771 Dec. 25. Luke, s. of Tho. and Elizabeth bap.
- 1774 Sep. 11. Thomas, widower
and Mary White, sp. both } married.
of Frankley
- 1775 Ap. 16. Luke, s. of Tho. and Mary, bap.
- 1782 Dec. 2. George, bachelor
Elizabeth Foxell, both of } married.
Frankley
- 1783 July 6. Mary, d. of George & Elizabeth, bap.
- 1784 Oct. 10. Nancy, d. of ditto, bap.
- 1786 Oct. 1. Robert, s. of ditto, bap.
- 1791 May 15. Joseph, s. of ditto, bap.

NINTH GENERATION

The family of Joseph by Hannah Stringer consisted of

1. Joseph, bap. 23 March 1734⁻⁵.
2. Samuel, mentioned in father's will.
3. Thomas, bap. 7 March 1741⁻².
4. Benjamin, bap. 20 May 1744.
5. Matthew, bap. 6 May 1759.

I. JOSEPH

Joseph, bap. 23 March 1734⁻⁵ proved his father's will in 1784. He married 18 May 1761 Mary Greaves and had a son George bap. at Halesowen 12 April 1762 and a daughter Sarah, bap. 8 Dec. 1771 at Frankley. He was apparently the Joseph bur. at Halesowen 6 April 1813, aged 75 but if so his age should have been given as 78.

His son George, bap. 1762 married Elizabeth Foxell at Frankley 2 Dec. 1782 and had four children bap. there as shown above. George's stone at Halesowen shows that he and his wife both passed the fourscore years :

To the memory of Elizabeth wife of George Grove late of Hasbury who died Sept ^r 2 nd 1845 Aged 82 Also the above George Grove who died July 27 1849 aged 87 years Also Joseph son of the above died June 8 th 1856 Aged 65 years.	To the memory of Rosa Daughter of Joseph & Rose Grove of Lutley who died July 30 th 1863 aged 1 year and 6 months Also of Joseph son of the above who died Nov ^r 23 rd 1873 Aged 4 years.
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George's Will now at Worcester was proved 21 Jan.
1850 by Joseph.

2. SAMUEL (son of Joseph)

Samuel described as a bachelor married 4 Feb. 1760, as the following considerations show, Esther Tayler who was bap. 29 May 1737 as daughter of Henry and Judith Tayler of ye Hill. The case of Samuel presents some difficulty, because his baptism is not to be found at Halesowen like those of his four brothers, and the only proof that he was a son of Joseph and Hannah is the reference to him in his father's will as tenant at Frankley. Unfortunately that reference is no help as to date because the words Samuel and Benjamin in the will are in large thick type and have been substituted for other names scratched out probably some time after the Will was made in 1771 and before it was proved in 1784. It looks as though some time after 1771 the loan of £20 and also the Frankley tenancy had been transferred from one son to another and the father had before his death altered the names accordingly. The erasure of the word *said* before Joseph also suggests that his name had been mentioned earlier in the Will.—At Halesowen the marriage took place 22 April 1767 of Samuel Grove and Susanna Parks, and they had a child baptized at Frankley 19 June 1768. At first sight it would seem clear that Samuel, the son of Joseph and tenant at Frankley, was identical with the Samuel husband of Susanna and father of the child baptized at Frankley in 1768: but there is this insuperable difficulty that the Samuel, husband of Susanna Parks, was baptized 9 Jan. 1736⁻⁷ as the son of William and Mary and died in 1816 aged 79. The entries of his baptism, his marriage, date of burial and his age

at death are all clear beyond question and fit in.¹ Thus the identity is disproved, unless either (*a*) the names of the parents were wrongly given in Jan. 1736 as William and Mary instead of Joseph and Hannah, or (*b*) there were two Samuels who both married Susannas. As to (*a*) a mistake is not likely, nay more cannot be suggested because the register records the marriage of William Grove and Mary Stephens on 25 April 1736 and the child Samuel's baptism follows in due course on 9 Jany. as son of William and Mary. As to (*b*) there is no evidence of a second couple named Samuel and Susanna and therefore every reasonable probability against their existence. The conclusion therefore is, necessarily, that the Samuel son of Joseph and Hannah who at one time farmed his father's land at Frankley cannot have been the Samuel son of William and Mary and husband of Susanna Parks who took their child to Frankley for baptism in 1768. That the latter should choose that village church not far from Halesowen for the rite need cause no surprise, inasmuch as their kinsmen were living there and possibly they had other connections with Frankley.

We can therefore put on one side this Samuel son of William and Mary bap. 1736⁻⁷ who married Susanna Parks on 22 April, 1767. The only other Samuels baptized 1720-60 are

- (i.) Sam^l. s. of Thomas and Hannah 29 August 1742.
- (ii.) Sam^l. s. of Joseph and Mary 13 November 1743.

The Samuel marriages are,

Sam^l. G. = Rebecca Tayler 4 May 1734.

Sam^l. G. = Esther Tayler 4 Feb. 1760.

Sam^l. G. = Anne Baker 22 Dec. 1766.

Sam^l. G. = Maria Andrews 20 June 1779.

¹ Cf. p. 68.

Now (1) the son of Thomas and Hannah cannot well have been the husband of Esther Tayler because he was only 17 years and 5 months old from the date of his baptism when Esther was married, but he may have been the husband of either Anne Baker being then 24 or of Maria Andrews being then nearly 37, and similarly (2) the son of Joseph and Mary cannot have been the husband of Esther because only 16 years and 2 months old, but he may have been the husband of either Anne Baker being then 23 or of Maria Andrews being then nearly 36.

These two therefore must be eliminated (as Samuel s. of William and Mary bap. 1736 has already been) and *the fact remains that some other Samuel not recorded as baptized at Halesowen must have been Esther's husband.* Clearly the happy bridegroom was Samuel, Joseph's son and younger brother of the Joseph bap. 23 March 1734⁻⁵, whose baptism probably did take place at Halesowen but was through inadvertence never recorded. This conclusion seems incontestable to the writer after a careful and prolonged study of the register and the marriage is entered accordingly in the pedigree sheet, but it will be remembered that the conclusion is arrived at not of course by direct proof but by process of elimination of the three and only other Samuels whose existence there is trace of.

One point more. As two Samuels married two Taylers in 1734 and 1760, the question might be asked, May not the bridegroom of 1760 have been the son of the bridegroom of 1734? The family of Sam^l and Rebecca of Cradley were :

John, bap. 12 Ap. 1735, bur. as infant 12 Aug.

Phebe, bap. 10 Oct. 1736, bur. as infant 12 Dec.
1742.

Ann, bap. 3 May 1740, bur. as infant 29 Sep.

Phebe, bap. 30 Dec. 1743.

There is no trace of any son Samuel, and so the question is answered in the negative.

THE FAMILY OF SAMUEL AND ESTHER

1. William bap. 29 Nov. 1761 as s. of Samuel and Esther.

2. Thomas bap. 18 May 1766 do.

3. Harry bap. 9 Oct. 1768 do.

4. James bap. 31 May 1773 do.

5. EDWARD bap. 20 April 1778. See below.

6. Joseph bap. 26 Nov. 1780 as son of Esther.

7. Anne bap. 4 Nov. 1781 dau. of Samuel and Esther.

8. Josiah bap. 28 Dec. 1781 s. of ditto.

9. Thomas bap. 3 Sep. 1783 as son of Esther.

10. Phœbe bap. 31 Jan. 1790 as dau. of Samuel and Esther.

The father Samuel was apparently the Samuel buried 3 Jan. 1800.

The mother, Esther,¹ was buried 23 April 1815 aged 78.

A stone shows that the son Josiah died 26 July 1830 aged 49; and his wife, Mary, on 13 March 1841 aged 66 at Wednesbury.

THE FAMILY OF EDWARD, SON OF SAMUEL

Edward, 5th son, bap. 1778 married 1 Oct. 1799 at S. Martin's Birmingham Mary Fiddean (bap. 8 Nov.

¹ Admōn of the estate of an Esther, widow, was granted 14 July 1817 to her daughter, Mary wife of Joseph Grovenor of Rowley.

1778 as daughter of Richard and Sarah).—They had nine children as shown by the Will given below :—

1. William bap. 21 Sep. 1800 at Halesowen, married Mary Baker and had four children : viz. Walter, who died 20 Oct. 1871 aged 48, Emma d. 9 Sep. 1843 aged 18, Martha d. 9 Ap. 1889 aged 51, Fanny d. 18 March 1906, aged 73. He died 24 Oct. 1884, aged 84 and his wife Mary on 6 March 1875 aged 72.
2. Edward, bap. 18 July 1802 at Halesowen.
3. Samuel, married Ruth Stevens of Cradley and had a son George, educated at Christ College Cambridge and sometime Rector of Govilon, Abergavenny.
4. Josiah.
5. Sarah, mar. to William Hollies, had issue.
6. George, died 1906 aged 97. He married Mary Ann Chilton at Aston Old Church.
7. David, married Rebecca Tayler.
8. Matilda, baptized at Halesowen 8 Sep. 1825 “said to have been born 30 Aug. 1822.” She married George Fred^k Dakin and had 5 children.
9. JAMES, bap. at Halesowen 8 Sep. 1825 “said to have been born 13 March 1824.”

The father Edward dates his Will at Dudley in 1837, but as it is endorsed “formerly of Dudley but late of Halesowen” he probably returned to his native place between 1837, and 1842 when he died, and at Halesowen he was buried 13 May 1842 aged 64. His wife Mary Fiddean was then living.

WILL OF EDWARD

This is the last Will and Testament of me Edward Grove of Pear Tree Lane in the parish of Dudley in the county of Worcester Engineer to the Dudley Canal Company made and published this ninth day of June One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven First I direct all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses to be fully paid and satisfied I give devise and bequeath all my messuages lands tenements hereditaments and real estate situate at Halesowen or elsewhere and also all my household goods and furniture beds bedding plate glass linen and effects monies and securities for money and all other my personal estate of which I shall die possessed unto my Wife Mary Grove To hold to her and her assigns during her life and after her decease I appoint give and devise my said real and personal estate monies securities and effects to my Son in law William Hollies and my Son William Grove To hold to them their heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the nature thereof respectively Nevertheless Upon trust that they my said Trustees and the survivor of them his heirs executors and administrators do and shall as soon as conveniently may be after my said Wife's decease to collect and get in my monies and personal effects and sell and dispose of such part of my said personal property as shall not consist of money or securities for money and also to absolutely sell and dispose of my said real estate and property either by public auction or private contract and generally in such manner as they or he may deem fit and to convey and assure my said real estate and property to the purchaser or purchasers thereof his her or their heirs and assigns or to such uses as he or they shall direct And as to my said monies and the monies to arise by such sale or sales as aforesaid and all other my property after deducting and defraying the costs and expenses of such sale or sales or incident thereto or to the trusts hereby declared Upon trust to pay and equally divide the same unto and amongst all and every my children namely William, Edward, Samuel and Josiah Grove, Sarah the Wife of the said William Hollies, George Grove

David, Mary Matilda & James Grove to be vested interests in such of my said children as are already of age at the time of my decease and in such of them as shall be infants at my decease on their attaining twenty-one or marriage Provided and my Will is that if any or either of my younger children shall depart this life before he she or they shall have attained the age of twenty-one years or before marriage that the share or shares of him her or them so dying shall go to and be paid to the survivors or survivor of all my said children equally share and share alike and if but one survivor of my family then the whole to such one his or her executors administrators and assigns to be vested as aforesaid Provided and I do hereby declare that it shall be lawful for my said Trustees and the survivor of them and his heirs and their or his assigns to apply and advance a sufficient part of the presumptive share or shares of any or either of my said younger children towards their maintenance and advancement in the world as they my said Trustees or the survivor of them or their or his assigns shall think fit but the sum so advanced shall be taken as part of the portion of the child for whose benefit the same is raised and be accounted for accordingly And I devise all mortgaged and trust estates which may be now vested in me unto the said William Hollies and William Grove their heirs executors administrators and assigns upon the equities and trusts affecting the same Provided also and I hereby further declare that the receipts of my said Trustees and the survivor of them his heirs and their or his assigns shall be good discharges for all monies which in such receipts shall be expressed to be received and that all persons paying any monies to my said Trustees or the survivor of them or their or his assigns for the purposes of this my Will and taking a receipt from them or him accordingly shall not be obliged to see to the further application of the same nor be accountable for the misapplication thereof And that it shall be lawful for my said Trustees and each of them to reimburse themselves and each other out of the said trust premises all costs and expenses to be incurred by

them in execution of the trusts aforesaid or in relation thereto I appoint my said Wife and my said Son in law William Hollies Executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills by me made I declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal (to wit) my hand to the preceding sheet and my hand and seal to this last sheet the day and year first above written. —— ED. GROVE (L.S.) —— Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator Edward Grove as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses —— Bⁿ Shaw of Dudley —— The mark x of Jane Hipkiss —— The mark x of Elizabeth Mullett.

Proved in the Consistory Court of Worcester
the 13th day of September 1842 by MARY
GROVE, Widow, the Relict and WILLIAM
HOLLIES the Executors.

Under £20.

Died 9th May 1842.

THE FAMILY OF JAMES (son of Edward)
[Communicated]

James, born 1824, youngest son of Edward by Mary Fiddean, married 9 Dec. 1845 Ann Elizabeth Rose at the Independent Chapel, Halesowen, and had a family of eleven :—

1. Harriet Ann, mar. to Charles Eveson, died 29 April 1877 aged 29.
2. Eliza Jane, mar. to George Hill.
3. George Frederick, married Margaret Ann Jeffrey.
4. William Henry, married Martha Jane Fellowes.
5. Thomas, died young.

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6. Arthur James, married Eliza Jane Jeffrey, and has issue :—

- (i) Arthur James, b. 1879, has issue, Marjorie, Reginald James, and Muriel Elizabeth.
 - (ii) Florence Ann, b. 1880.
 - (iii) Francis Harold, b. 1882, has issue Eric.
 - (iv) Edgar Clifford, b. 1885.
 - (v) Margaret Jane, b. 1887. **2017958**
 - (vi) Frederick Edward, b. 1889.
 - (vii) Laura Mabel, b. 1891.
 - (viii) Elizabeth Marion, b. 1894.
7. Rose Elizabeth, died 25 August 1864.
8. Walter, married Elizabeth Fry Jones.
9. Juliet Phœbe, mar. to Edward Daniel Weston.
10. Alfred Edward, married May Hewitt.
11. Ernest Harry, married Katharine Barnsley.
The father, James, died 4 Dec. 1886, and the mother on Lady Day 1904, aged 77.

3. THOMAS (son of Joseph and Hannah)

The family of Thomas, bap. 1741, cannot be given with any certainty, because a comparison of the Frankley and Halesowen registers leads to the conclusion that there must have been two of the name who both married a Mary and the entries are not free from other difficulties :—

At Frankley occur :—

1763 25 Sep. William s. of Thomas and ~~Eliza~~^{Mary} beth, bap.

1771. 25 Dec. Luke¹ s. of Thomas and ~~Elizabeth~~^{Mary}, bap. *See page*

¹ There was an earlier Luke who died 20 Jan. 1774 in the 20th year of his age, but who he was is not clear. See stone near path on the south side of the Church.

1774 11 Sep. Thomas Grove married Mary White.

1775 16 April. Luke, s. of Thomas and Mary, bap.

It looks as though Elizabeth in 1763 is an error for Mary, whose burial in or before 1774 is not given, but whose place was then filled by a namesake.

At Halesowen occur:—

1766 bap. 9 March John s. of Thomas and Mary, bur. 26 Oct. 1774.

1768 bap. 27 March, Mary d. do.

1772 bap. 17 May, Thomas s. do.

1775 bap. 26 March, Nancy d. do.

1775 bap. 2 April, Thomas s. do.

1780 bap. 8 Oct. Joseph s. do.

A Thomas "infant" was bur. 22 Feb. 1778, who may have been the above Thomas bap. 1775.

The baptism of Thomas one week after that of Nancy points to the probability of Nancy's having been delayed.

The improbability of the two couples being identical is shown by the fact that the children Thomas and Luke were baptized in different churches within a fortnight of each other, April 2 and April 16 respectively in 1775.

4. BENJAMIN (son of Joseph and Hannah)

Benjamin, bap. 20 May 1744 married Catherine Hodgkins 24 Dec. 1768 at Halesowen. Two baptisms occur there, Hannah 13 Nov. 1782 and Jiah (query Josiah) 14 Nov. 1784, children of Benjamin and Catherine.

5. MATTHEW (son of Joseph and Hannah)

MATTHEW bap. 6 May 1759 at Halesowen came on the scene long after his brothers and when his mother was about 45. He was nearly 25 when his father died. He settled at Northfield in or before 1790 in which year (19 April) he married there Ann Greaves of that parish. In 1795 the Rev. William Hawes Longford became Curate of Northfield and on 28 Aug. 1813, being then Rector of Stretton on Fosse, married at Northfield Sarah Harrisson Greaves, the witnesses being Matthew and Ann Grove. That the two brides were sisters is proved by the Will of their father George Greaves of Northfield, made 7 June 1819 and proved 1 April 1823 by Matthew Grove and W. H. Longford. This Will speaks of the testator's four daughters among whom his property at Northfield, Halesowen, and Rowley is to be divided : (i) Sarah Harrisson wife of Mr Longford, (ii) Elizabeth wife of Joseph Smith of Halesowen, (iii) Anne wife of Mr Grove and (iv) Mary. It does not mention any son, but from Matthew Grove's description of Austin Greaves as his brother-in-law it would seem that he was brother of the four sisters.

There was no family of the marriage of Matthew with Ann Greaves who was buried at Northfield before 14 May 1823 when her husband obtained letters of administration of her estate sworn under £450. After being a widower for a few years he married again on 18 Feb. 1829 at St. Martin's Birmingham, his bride being Sarah Heath of Stoke Prior. He was then in his 70th year. The only child of the marriage was Matthew who was baptized at Stoke Prior on 13 Dec. of the same year.

A fast decaying stone at Northfield is inscribed :—

Sacred
To the Memory of
Ann Grove
wife of Matthew Grove of Northfield
who died Aug. 18
Aged years
Be ye also ready
Also Maria Greaves niece to the above
who died March 11 1828 aged 27 years
And of Matthew Grove
who died 20th April 1836 aged 77
Also Sarah, widow of the above
Matthew Grove, who died June 28th 1862
aged 64 years.

*Waiting for the coming of Christ
silent hope*

WILL OF MATTHEW

This is the last Will and Testament of me Matthew Grove of Northfield in the County of Worcester Gentleman First I direct that all my just debts funeral expences and the expences of proving this my last Will and Testament be fully paid and satisfied I give and devise unto Austin Greaves of the parish of Northfield aforesaid Farmer All that my newly erected Messuage or Dwellinghouse with the Garden thereunto belonging situate and being in the said parish of Northfield and now in the occupation of the said Austin Greaves with all rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging (except nevertheless and without any right of way Road or Passage or any other liberty or privilege out of upon or over any other of my property, subject nevertheless to and I do hereby charge the same with the payment of the sum of Fifty pounds now due from the said Austin Greaves to me together with all Interest which at my death shall be due or which shall thereafter become due for the same the said sum of Fifty pounds and Interest to be paid to my Execu-

tors and to be and be considered as part of my personal Estate) To hold the same (except and subject as aforesaid) unto and To the use of the said Austin Greaves his heirs and assigns for ever I give devise and bequeath unto Diana (alias Dinah Munday) now or late of London (if she shall claim the same or be heard of by my Executors within the space of Five years from the day of my decease but not otherwise) the sum of Nineteen Guineas I give appoint devise and bequeath *unto my Dear Wife Sarah Grove* and my Friends Richard Greenhill of Frankley in the said County of Worcester Farmer and Edward Grove of Northfield aforesaid Builder All and singular my Messuages or Dwelling-houses Lands hereditaments and premises with the appertenances situate in the said parish of Northfield (except as in hereinbefore devised to the said Austin Greaves) And also all other my messuages or Dwellinghouses lands tenements hereditaments and Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever whether Freehold Copyhold or Leasehold of which I am seized or to which I am entitled or of which I have a power to dispose by this my Will (except estates held by me as Trustee or as Mortgagee in fee) with all and every the appertenances Also all my household goods and furniture plate linen china ready money securities for money and all other my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and wheresoever To hold the same Real and personal Estates (except as aforesaid) unto my said Wife Sarah Grove and the said Richard Greenhill and Edward Grove their heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the respective natures and legal qualities of the same Estates respectively upon the Trusts nevertheless and for the intents and purposes hereinafter declared concerning the same viz. Upon Trust that they my said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor of them their or his heirs executors or administrators or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being acting under this my Will do and shall either continue such part or parts of my said personal Estate as shall at the time of my death be secured by Mortgage or other Security or any part thereof either on the Security or Securities on which the same shall be then placed out or call in the same or any part or parts thereof and place out and invest the monies which may

be so called in and also such part of my said personal Estate as at my death shall consist of ready money in their or his names or name either upon Government Freehold Copyhold or long Leaschold Security or Securities at their his or her discretion with power for my Trustees or Trustee for the time being from time to time to call in the same monies or any part thereof and again to place out or invest the same on such Security or Securities as last aforesaid and their his or her receipt or receipts to be a sufficient discharge and discharges for the same monies and the Interest and Dividends thereof or for so much thereof as shall from time to time be paid up And do and shall permit and suffer my said Dear Wife Sarah Grove (if she shall so long continue my Widow) to have the use and enjoyment of all and singular my said Household Goods and Furniture plate linen and china and all other articles of Household use and also do and shall (in case she shall so long continue my Widow) pay unto my said Wife or permit her to receive and take the Rents and profits of all and singular my said Real Estate and the Interest Dividends and annual profits of my said personal Estate until *my dear Infant Son Matthew Grove* shall attain the age of 21 years to enable her to clothe educate maintain and bring up my said Son And on my said Son attaining the said age of 21 years then (subject to and charged with the annuity or yearly sum of £30 hereinafter given to my said Wife and the powers and remedies for recovering the same) Upon trust to convey assign and assure All and singular my said Real Estate (except as hereinbefore devised to the said Austin Greaves) and also all and singular my said personal Estate and the Securities upon which the same shall or may be then invested with their and every of their appurtenances unto my said Son Matthew Grove his heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the respective natures and legal qualities thereof respectively to whom I give devise and bequeath the same accordingly Provided always and it is my Will and I do hereby direct that in case my Son Matthew Grove shall depart this life under the age of 21 years then that my said Trustees or the Survivors or Survivor

of them their his or her heirs or assigns or the Trustees or Trustee for the time being acting under this my Will do and shall pay unto my said Wife or permit her to receive and take the rents and profits of all my said Real Estate and the Dividends interest and annual proceeds of all my said personal Estate during her natural life (if she shall so long continue my Widow) and after the decease or second marriage of my said Wife which shall first happen and in case of such Death of my said Son under the age of 21 years it is my Will that my said Real and personal Estates shall remain upon the trusts and for the intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and declared concerning the same Provided always and it is my Will and I do hereby declare that if my said Wife shall happen to die or marry again before my said Son shall attain his said age of 21 years then that it shall be lawful for my Trustees or Trustee for the time being to pay apply and dispose not only of the rents and profits of my said Real Estate and the Interest and Dividends of all my Personal Estate or any part thereof respectively (but also if my Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall think proper) of all or any part of the principal of my said personal estate in and towards the maintenance education and support and bringing up or in the placing out of my said Son as an Apprentice or Clerk to any trade or profession or otherwise as my said Trustees or Trustee for the time being in their his or her discretion shall think proper for the benefit and advantage in the world of my said Son until he shall attain the age of 21 years. And in case my said Wife shall be living and continue my Widow my Will is that (with her consent and approbation) my Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall have full power to pay and apply all or any part of the principal of my said Personal Estate for all or any of the purposes last hereinbefore mentioned I give and bequeath unto my said Wife one Annuity or yearly rent charge of £30 to be paid and payable to her clear of all taxes and deductions whatsoever by four equal quarterly payments in the year viz' on the 25th day of March the 24th day of June the 29th day of September and the 25th day

of December in each year the first quarterly payment thereof to commence and be payable on such of those days as shall first happen after my said Son shall attain his age of 21 years and the same Annuity thenceforth to continue and be payable in the proportions aforesaid so long as my said Wife shall remain my Widow And I charge all my Messuages or Dwelling-houses lands hereditaments and other Real Estate (except as hereinbefore given to the said Austin Greaves) and also all my Personal Estate with the payment thereof and for securing and enforcing payment of such Annuity or yearly rent charge and all arrears thereof I give and grant unto my said Wife and her assigns the same powers of entry distress and sale upon all or any part of the hereditaments charged therewith as Landlords are or may be entitled to by Law for Recovery of Rent in Arrear And also (in case the said Annuity of £30 or any quarterly payment thereof shall be in arrear for the space of 21 days after any of the said days of payment) I give and grant unto my said Wife and her Assigns full power to enter into and upon all or any of the hereditaments hereby charged with the said Annuity and to hold and enjoy the same and to receive the rents and profits thereof to her and their own use until she or they shall thereby or otherwise be fully paid and satisfied the said Annuity and all arrears thereof due at the time of such entry or afterwards to become due during the continuance of such possession together with all costs and expences sustained or occasioned by reason of the nonpayment or recovery thereof Provided always and (in case of the death of my said Son Matthew Grove under the age of 21 years but not otherwise) I give and bequeath unto my Brothers in Law the said Austin Greaves Joseph Smith of Offmore and the Reverend William Hawes Longford the sum of £400 equally to be divided between them as tenants in common and not as joint tenants the said sum of £400 (in case the same shall ever become vested) to be paid and payable upon but not before the death or second marriage of my said Wife Provided further and it is my Will that (in case of the death of my said Son Matthew Grove under the age of 21 years but not otherwise) it shall

and may be lawful for my said Wife to cut down sell dispose of and carry away all such Timber and Underwood which for the time being shall be growing upon all or any part of my said Real Estate as she shall think proper and to pay and apply the monies arising therefrom to and for her own use and benefit; Provided further and it is my Will that (in case of the death of my said Son Matthew Grove under the age of 21 years but not otherwise) it shall and may be lawful to and for my said Wife by any Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments in writing to be by her executed in the presence of one two or more Witness or Witnesses to subject and charge all or any part of my said Real and personal Estate with the payment of any sum or sums of money not exceeding £200 to or for the benefit of any person or persons in such manner and to be paid at such time or times as she my said Wife shall by such Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments in writing order and direct and if thought necessary or adviseable for the purpose of raising the said sum of £200 by such Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments in writing to limit and appoint all or any part of my said Real Estate to any person or persons for any term or number of years so that the same term or terms be made to cease on payment by the person or persons for time being entitled to the Freehold and Inheritance of the hereditaments charged therewith of the said sum of £200 with Interest for the same at such rate not exceeding five pounds per centum per annum as may be mentioned in any such Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments Provided always and I do hereby declare and direct that if my said Son Matthew Grove shall depart this life under the age of 21 years (but not otherwise) the Trustees or Trustee for the time being acting under this my Will do and shall stand and be seized and possessed of all and singular my said Real Estate (except as hereinbefore given to the said Austin Greaves) and also of all and singular my said personal Estate subject to the payment of the said several Legacies to the said Austin Greaves Joseph Smith and William Hawes Longford and of the said sum of £200 to the general appointee or appointees of my said Wife under her aforesaid power To the use

of or in trust for such person or persons of my own Blood for such Estate and Estates and in such parts shares and proportions if to more than one and charged and chargeable with such sum or sums of money either annuall or in gross to or for the benefit of any one or more of them or without being so chargeable and in such manner and form in all respects to take effect on the death of my said Wife in case she shall so long continue my Widow or on her second Marriage in case she shall marry a second Husband as my said dear Wife shall by any Deed or Deeds Instrument or Instruments in writing with or without power of revocation to be by her executed in the presence of one two or more Witness or Witnesses or by her last Will and Testament in writing or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be by her signed and published in the presence of and attested by three or more Witnesses shall from time to time or at any time direct limit or appoint And in default of such direction limitation or appointment and so far as the same if ineffectual or incomplete shall not extend Then as to all and singular my said Real Estate or so much thereof as shall not have been appointed under or by virtue of the aforesaid power To the use of my own right heirs And as to all and singular my said Personal estate or so much thereof as shall not have been appointed or disposed of under or by virtue of any of the powers of this my Will In Trust for such person or persons as at the death or second marriage of my said Wife which shall first happen would have been entitled to my personal Estate under the Statute of distribution in case I had died intestate and a Bachelor I devise all the Estates held by me as Mortgagee in fee or as Trustee for any other person or persons and not beneficially unto my said Wife and the said Richard Greenhill and Edward Grove and to their heirs executors administrators and assigns according to the respective natures and legal qualities of the same Estates respectively upon such and the same trusts and for such and the same intents and purposes upon and for which I now hold the same respectively and to convey assign and assure the same accordingly I appoint my said Wife and the said Richard Greenhill and Edward Grove Executrix and Executors of this my Will but in case my said

Wife shall marry again then all her power either as Executrix or Trustee under this my Will to cease and determine from the day of such her second Marriage and thenceforth my other Trustees or Trustee for the time being shall have such and the same powers in all respects as if my said Wife had not been named a Trustee and Executrix of this my Will And my Will further is and I do hereby declare that the receipts in writing of the Trustees or Trustee for the time being of this my Will shall be sufficient and effectual discharges for the monies which shall come to their hands in execution of this my Will or for so much thereof as in such receipts shall be acknowledged to be received and that any person or persons paying any money and taking such receipt or receipts for the same shall not afterwards be answerable or accountable for the loss misapplication or nonapplication or be obliged to see to the application of or to the necessity of raising the money in such receipt or receipts acknowledged to be received or any part thereof And that my Trustees for the time being and Executors and every of them and their respective Heirs Executors administrators and assigns shall be severally charged and chargeable only for such moneys as they shall actually receive respectively by virtue of the trusts hereby in them reposed although they or any of them may give or sign or join in any receipt or receipts for the sake of conformity And that each of them shall be answerable only for himself and herself and his and her own acts and that none of them shall be answerable for any Banker Broker or other person with whom or in whose hands any part of the trust moneys to arise under this my Will shall or may be deposited or happen to come nor for the insufficiency or deficiency of any Security or Securities stocks or funds in or upon which the said trust moneys or any part thereof shall be placed out or invested nor for any defect of Title to any hereditaments to be taken in Mortgage nor for any other misfortune loss or damage in the execution of this my Will or in relation thereto unless the same shall happen by or through their own wilful default respectively And that it shall be lawful for my Executors and my Trustees or Trustee for the time being and every of them to retain to and reimburse themselves

and to allow to each other by and out of the trust Estates fun and premises comprised in this my Will all costs charges at expences which they or any of them shall or may suffer disbur or incur in or about the execution of the aforesaid trusts or relation thereto And lastly I hereby revoke all former Will ar Wills and Testamentary dispositions by me heretofore made ar declare this only to be my true last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I the said Matthew Grove the Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written on seven shee of Paper set my hand to each of the first six sheets and in hand and seal to this seventh and last sheet thereof and publishe the same this 26th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.—

The mark X of MATTHEW GROVE.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Matthew Grov the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in th presence of us who at his request in his presence and in th presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names a Witnesses (having first observed the several erasures and inter lineations opposite to which we have put the initials of ou names)

Luke Minshall, Solicitor, Bromsgrove

Joseph Bolland Maltster, Northfield

Joseph Joice, Writing Clerk, Northfield.

(Proved at Worcester 8 Oct. 1836: estate sworn under £450.)

The testator died in 1836 and the two contingencies so elaborately provided for did not arise: the widow Sarah remained a widow till her death in 1862 and the son did not die under 21.

THE FAMILY OF MATTHEW SON OF MATTHEW

MATTHEW the only child of the marriage of Matthew Grove with Sarah Heath was bap. at Stoke Prior 13 Dec. 1829 and was thus nearly four when described as "my dear infant son," and seven when his father died. He

married Elizabeth Griffin of Stoke Prior and there his early married life was spent, up till 1862 when on his mother's death he moved to Northfield. In 1896 he settled at Harvington near Evesham, and there he was buried 30 July 1906 aged 76. His widow survived till 1910 and was buried 26 Feb., aged 79.

The children of Matthew Grove and Elizabeth Griffin consisted of one son who died young, and seven daughters now living, viz.:

1. Caroline Elizabeth, mar. to William Lister of Handsworth (d. 1911) by whom she had 5 children:—

- 1. Mary Elizabeth, mar. to Adolf von der Becke of Handsworth, by whom she has issue.
 - 2. Matthew William, b. 1881.
 - 3. Thomas Wooldridge, b. 1882 died 1897.
 - 4. Cecil, b. 1884.
 - 5. William Bernard, b. 1889.
 - 2. Mary Frances.
 - 3. Amy Jane
 - 4. Catharine Ellen
 - 5. Ada May
 - 6. Lilian Susan
 - 7. Florence
- } resident at Harvington

CHAPTER II

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN GROVE (LIVING 1538)
THROUGH HIS GRANDSONS, THOMAS, WILLIAM
RICHARD AND GEORGE

CHAPTER I having dealt with descendants of John, living 1538, through his grandson John (the son of William and Elizabeth and probably the eldest son) we come now to the particulars forthcoming about his other grandchildren, viz. Thomas, William, Richard, George, Jone, Margaret, and Christian.

The three sisters may be taken first:—

CHRISTIAN mar. to Richard Thomyns 30 June 1560.

MARGARET was probably the "Margery" who was mar. to John Wall on 1 May 1573.

JONE (*cf.* 7th and 11th lines of father's Will on p. 4) was married as Johane on 6 Nov. 1569 to William Engley.

It will be seen that there is not in case of either of the four brothers a clear line similar to that in Chapter I. Thomas left one son, one of the many Johns who cannot be identified beyond doubt. It is impossible to decide with certainty which William and which Richard were the sons of William and Elizabeth. George's line alone seems clear, but that cannot be traced with certainty beyond

the beginning of the eighteenth century because of the frequent recurrence of the same Christian names.

A. THOMAS

He married 4 Nov. 1576 Isabell Westley and had four children: Anne, bap. 4 Aug. 1577, Elienor, bap. and bur. 20 Feb. 1578, John bap. 5 June 1581, and Agnes bur. 9 June 1581. An Isabell Grove was buried 26 April 1583, and another on 28 May 1590: the former of these was presumably another child, and the latter, the mother because on 29 April 1592 Thomas married Margery Novcke. Thomas was buried 16 Jan. 1598.

B. and C. WILLIAM and RICHARD

No precise statements can be made as to these two sons of William and Elizabeth, because the register and other evidences extant conclusively prove that there were more than one of each of the names at this period. The writer can but state the facts in each case with his reasons for singling out the one he believes to have been William's son.

B. WILLIAM

First should appear the Will of a William made and proved in 1595:—

In the Name of God Amen I Willm Grove of Ludley in the pish of Halesowen in the County of Wigorn Husbandmā beinge of good and pfecit memory God be thanked though weake of bodye and deceased doe make my last Will and testament this pñte the xijth daye of August in man and forme followinge First I bequeath my soule to Almightye God my maker justefier and

redeemer trustinge faythfully to bee saved by the m̄its death and
 passion of oure Lord Christ Jess' who hath redeemed me and all
 mankind and I bequeathe my bodye to be buried in the
 Churchyard of Halesowen aforesaid And all my goodes I give
 and bequeath in man and forme followinge First I give and
 bequeath unto Augnes Grove one cow an ew and a lambe Itm I
 give and bequeath unto Agnes Wall the Daughter of Thōms
 Wall one ewe Itm I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Shenston
 one ewe Itm I give and bequeath to *Thōms Grove* my sonne
 fyve acres of land whereof fourē he hath in occupaçon one acre
 of them lyeth in Hayly fields and ij acres in Allingtree Field &
 one other acre lyeth in Dunstoke Itm iij lands of the other
 acre lyinge in Heminge field and one land lyinge in Longe
 Furlonge together with the now dwelinge howse and the
 appurſance thereunto belonginge that is to saye wth the barne
 shepehowse garden and one little close adioyninge to the howse to
 have and occupye the said p̄miss for the space of vj yeres aft' my
 decesse Itm I give and bequeath to my Sonne Thōms Grove xij^d
 Itm I give and bequeath to my Daughter Margery xij^d Itm I
 give and bequeath to my Daughter Elleoner xij^d Itm I will and
 my minde is that George Pensame and Margarett his Wife shall
 have and occupye my dwellinge howse with all thappurſance
 thereunto belonginge together wth all the rest of my custome lands
 for terme and space of vj yeres next followinge after my decesse
 All the rest off my movable and goodes unmoveable I give and
 bequeath to *Agnes my welbeloved Wife* whome I make con-
 stitute my sole and only executrix to this my last Will and
 Testament And meaninge that the said Agnes my wiffe shall dis-
 charge all my detts legacies and funālls by me herein given and
 bequeathed accordinge to true and good meaninge Itm I doe
 constitute and make my welbeloved in Christ Willm Hyll and
 George Grove ov'seers to this my last Will and Testam̄ written
 the xijth day of August in the xxxvijth yeere of the raigne of our
 sov'aigne ladye Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. the yere of
 our Lord God 1595.

Proved at Worcester 31 July 1595.
 Inventory £13 6s. 4d.

The writer inclines to the opinion that this testator, of Ludley, the husband of Agnes, was the son of William (2) and also the William who witnessed William (2)'s Will in 1566 and the tenant of Robert of Ludley's land in 1558 (see p. 72). If so, the George overseer of his Will would be his brother. But no certainty can be arrived at in the face of these facts:—

There occurs a William who had six children:— Elizabeth bap. 1559, William 1560, Margaret 1562, Anthony 1563, John¹ 1565, and Jane 1567, of whom Anthony became the bridegroom of Agnes Reide in 1585 and was the witness to the will of John (3) in 1605.

Then we have the baptisms of a William *and Margery*: an unnamed child in Dec. 1573, John¹ in 1576 and George in 1578. Possibly this William was the previously mentioned one with a second wife, but clearly he was not identical with the William of the Will, the husband of Agnes, who was living in 1595.

In 1581 occurs the baptism of Anne, dau. of William *and Elizabeth* of Hawn.

Among the marriages are those of William in 1586 with Anne Sturdye and of William with Mary Hawkes in 1598. The burial register contains a William in each of the years 1562, 1592, and 1630, and a Nicholas son of a William in 1576. William the elder and William the younger appear as appraisers in 1606 of the estate of John (3). Richard had a son William by Alice Alchurche living in 1588.

Here is food for conjecture and with conjecture we must rest content.

¹ See Appendix A.

C. RICHARD

There were two Richards (if not more) at Halesowen at this time. The one married Alice Alchurche 23 Nov. 1561, and the other Margery Aston on 30 Jan. 1563. Both couples had families which need careful dissection inasmuch as the following entries are carelessly made and the wife's name is not always given :—

- 1564. William son of Richard, smythe, bap. 17 Sept.
- 1564. William son of Richard bap. 19 Feb. (a fault).
- 1564. William son of Richard bap. 5 March.
- 1566. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard bap. 13 Oct. (a fault).
- 1567. Elizabeth, dau. of Richard bap. 25 March.
- 1567. Margery dau. of Richard bap. 18 Oct.
- 1575. Agnes, dau. of Richard & Margery bap. 24 May
- 1578. Elienor, dau. of Richard & Margery bap. 23 April.

The will of the Richard who married Alice Alchurche is as follows :—

In the name of God Amen In the yeare of our Lorde God
 one thousand fyve hundreth foure skore and Eight the xth daie
 of Octob^r in the xxxth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne
 ladye Elyzabeth By the grace of god of England ffraunce and
 Irelond Quene Defendo^r of the fayth I Richard Grove of Hales-
 owen in the Countie Salop *Smyth*, Beinge Sick in my bodye
 but of good and pfecte Remembrance (thanks be unto god)
 Doe ordeyne and make this my testament conteyninge my last
 will in maner and fourme folowinge ffirst I doe geve and bequeth
 my Sowle unto allmighty God my Creato^r Redemer & Saviour
 Trustinge that by the merits of the death passion and
 Resurrection of our Savio^r Jesu Christ he will accepte me
 as one of his Electe and those numbr^r And my bodye to be
 buried in the Churcharde of the paryshe Churche of Hales-
 owen aforesaide accordinge to a Christian Ordre Itm I do geve

and bequeth unto Alice my wife my bedde wheron and wherin She and I do lye with all that to the same bedde belongeth her wolen whele and her cardes Itm I do geve and bequeth unto the saide Alice my wife the Some of $iii\frac{1}{2}$ which She now hathe in stocke and occupacon Itm I do geve and bequeth unto my sonne Willm Grove All my tooles and ymplements appteyninge to my Shoppe and my greate Coffer and all such writynges and other thinges that there in ys at the tyme of my deceasse and death Itm I doe geve and bequeth unto Willm my sonne All those my two acres of Lande lyng in *huntinge tree field* To have and to hold to hym and his heyres and assignes ffrom and after the Deceasse of his mother for ever Provided allwayes and my will ys that the said Willm my Sonne shall when the same landes Doe come to his use and possession geve and paye unto eyther of his two Sisters Margarett and Elno^r the Some of $xxvi\frac{1}{2} viii^d$ a peece It^m all the Rest and Residue of my moveable goodes unbequethed I doe geve and bequeth unto Margarett and Elno^r my daught^{rs} to be equallye devide betwene them And I doe constitute ordeyne and make my Sonne Willm and my daughter Elno^r my Joynt Executo^{rs} of this my last will and testament And Adam Melley of Romesley yoman my Supvisour Trustinge that he will See the same executed accordeinge to the trewe meaninge hereof And my will ys that my saide Executo^{rs} shall geve unto the said Adam for his paynes herin to be taken ten shillings In Witnes whereof I have hereunto putt my Seale These beinge witnesss Richard Burleton Roger Hadley and Edmond Bennett.

These be the Debts w^{ch} are
owinge unto me

Willm Grove of Hallon held^f xl^s To Richard yate mylner v^s.
Willm Jones my brother in lawe xvii^s.

These be the debts w^{ch} I
do owe

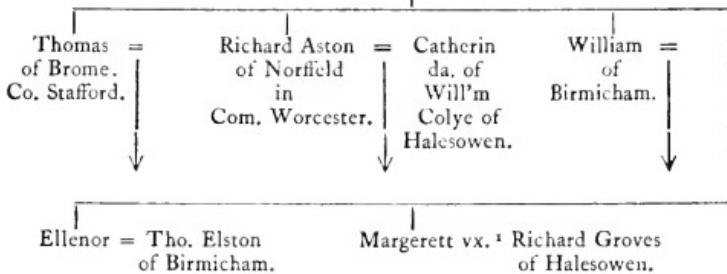
(Proved 29 August 1589.)

Inventory made iv Nov. 1588 by Adam Melley Richard Burleton Roger Hadley & Willm Jones. Sma £31 10. 11.

The following from the Visitⁿ of Worcestershire 1569 shows the other Richard :—

ASTON

RICHARD A. a 3 sonn of . . Aston of Aston = Ellen da. of Will'm Dowler
in Com. Cester was of Norffeld in | of Stratford vpon Avon in
Com. Worster. | Com. Warwick.



The mention of Hunting Tree Field in the above Will marks out the testator, the husband of Alice Alchurche, as the son of William (2) in whose Will² that parcel of land is also mentioned: so too the fact that as a smith he was in trade like other members of his family.

But who the husband of Margery Aston of Visitation standing was is not evident, and apparently there were more than two Richards in the field for a Richard Grove married Jone Hemynges 19 Oct^r. 1578: unless indeed Margery Aston died and her husband married again? This only is clear that as Alice Alchurche was living in 1588 her husband was not the Richard who married Jone Hemynges.

D. GEORGE

The family of George is quite clear for six generations up to 1709 when the difficulty of identification

¹ Mar. 30 Jan. 1563.

² See pp. 4, 5.

occurs which we have already met with in the cases of William and Richard, his brothers.

George had three children: Alice, bap. 18 May 1567, George, bap. 5 Oct. 1573, (his mother's name being given as Anne), and Henry, mentioned as his brother by George in his Will of 1629.

George, bap. 1573, married Margery Bache 12 Nov. 1598. He was a yeoman of Ludley, and was buried 30 July 1629 leaving a Will in which he speaks of his brother Henry, his daughter Ann Davis bap. 12 Aug. 1599, his daughter Elizabeth White, bap. 12 Oct. 1601 (surname spelt *Grove*), and Henry "my eldest sone," a description which implies he had one or more other sons. There is no trace of any such in the register, but the Transcript for 1615 contains the baptism on 14 Jan. of Humphrey son of George, and him the father nominated as overseer of his Will. There was also another daughter Joyse, bap. 18 April 1613.

The eldest son Henry cannot have been born before the middle of 1600 and must have married at a very early age, as his first child Mary was baptized in April 1619.

WILL OF GEORGE (died 1629)

In the name of God: Amen the 29th day of Julie in the yeare of our Lord God 1629 And in the 5th yeare of the Raigne of ou^r Soveraige Lord Charles by the grace of God Kinge of England ffrance and Ireland Defender of the fayth &c I George Grove of Ludley in the p'ish of Halesowen and Countie of Wo'cester Yeoman beinge of a pfec memorie doe give God thankes: therfore I doe make ordaine and declare this to be my last Will and Testamt as followeth: first I Commend my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my maker fully trustinge through the merits death and Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ I shall enjoy eve'lastinge liefe: and as concerninge my worldlie goods: ffirst I give and bequeath unto *Henry Grove my*



*Eldest Sone my waine and Tumbrill wth the wheles therunto belonging and all my husbandrie Implements w^soever : Item I give unto Margery my beloved wifc all my houshold goods, Exeptinge only one Table Board standinge in the Hall wth thapp'tances wth all the shelves and Benches beloninge to the s^d hall w^{ch} I give to my sone Henry : Item I give unto my daughter An Davis x^s. Itm I give unto my daughter Elizabeth White x^s: Itm I make and ordaine *Margery my Beloved wifc* and Henry my sone Joyne Executors of this my last Will and Testam^t, and of all my Corne Cattells and Chattells unmention'd in this my last will and my Will is that they be equally devided betwixt them through . . . they paieinge the full debts w^{ch} I owe w^{ch} amounteth to the value of xv^l or therabouts : Alsoe I ordayne and appoint Humfrey Grove and *my Brother Henry Grove* my ou'seers herof. In wittnes whereof I have herunto put my hand and seale the Day and Yeare first above written.*

(Proved 11 October 1629 and sworn at £113 12. 0.)

INVENTORY

A trew and pfct Inventory of all the goods and cattells of George Grove late of Ludley in the p'ish of Hales Owen and Countie of Wo'cester yeoman deceased vewed and prised by Humfrey Grove Henry Grove and others the 7th day of October Anno Dom. 1629.

Im : his wearinge Apparrell	l ^s
It. eight steares	xiii ^l
It. 3 kine	vi ^l
It. 5 yonge Beasts at	v ^l
It. fortie sheepe	vi ^l
It. 5 weaninge Calves at	l ^s
It. one Mare	iii ^l
It. 3 hogs at	xl ^s
It. the Corne in the Barne at	xl ^l
It. his Mucke at	xl ^s

It. 4 loads of hay at	iiii ⁱⁱ
It. one Table Board in the hall one forme and 2 chairs at v ^s	
It. one Cubberd	v ^s
It. 3 shelves in the hall	xviii ^d
It. 2 Brasse Potts	xxx ^s
It. 2 Brasse Panns : 2 kettles	xx ^s
It. 10 Pewter Dishes	x ^s
It. one pewter Cup, 2 Candlesticks}	ii ^s
2 Saltes	
It. one Churne : one Closebox }	x ^s
one Brueinge Pinte 3 Barrells}	
It. one skeele : 2 Tubs	v ^s
It. 2 pailes and other treene ware	xviii ^d
It. 1 weetinge fatt : 1 Brewinge Pinte	ix ^s
It. in the parlor 2 livery tables	v ^s
It. 1 Chest 3 Coffers at	x ^s
It. one standinge Bed	x ^s
It. one fether Bed, Blanket, 2 twillies one}	xxxxv ^s
Coverlet	
It. 2 Beds in the Chamber w th the app'tenences	i ^s
It. one Bed in the Chamber w th thapp'tances	xx ^s
It. Butter and Cheese	xxxx ^s
It. hempe and flax	xx ^s
It. 3 paire of flaxon sheetes	xxxx ^s
It. 1 paire of hempen sheetes and 6 paire of}	xviii ^s
hurden shetes	
It. 4 Table Cloths 1 Pyllows beare	xxxxiii ^s
on Towell, 1 dozen and half of Napkins}	
It. one waine, one Tumbrill, one paire of	
wheelles, 1 plowe, 2 paire of Harrowes}	vi ⁱⁱ x ^s
and all other husbandry Implements}	
It. one paire of tonges fiershovle and pothangeinges}	xii ^s
and other thinges forgotten or unprise	
	Some I ^c xiii ⁱⁱ xii ^s

Exhib. 11 Oct. 1629.

Henry, son of George by Margery Bache was a yeoman of Ludley and father of the following family :

- 1619. 25 April bap. Mary.
- 1621. 10 Feb. bap. Henry, bur. 23 March 1624.
- 1623. 17 Jan. bap. Daniel.
- 1626. 14 May bap. Henry.
- 1628. 22 June bap. Anne.
- 1631. 3 Apr. bap. William.
- 1632. 6 Jan. bap. George.

In these entries the wife's name is not given. Later we have the following :

- 1637. 1 Oct. bap. William s. of Henry by Elionor.
- 1637. 14 March bap. Humfrey s. of Henry by Margery.
- 1641. 12 Jan. bap. Joyce d. of Henry by Elionor.

Omitting the last three entries which are not clear we get the descent shown in the pedigree opposite.

This last generation will appear lower down, enlarged by particulars gathered from the Wills etc. now to be given and from the register.¹

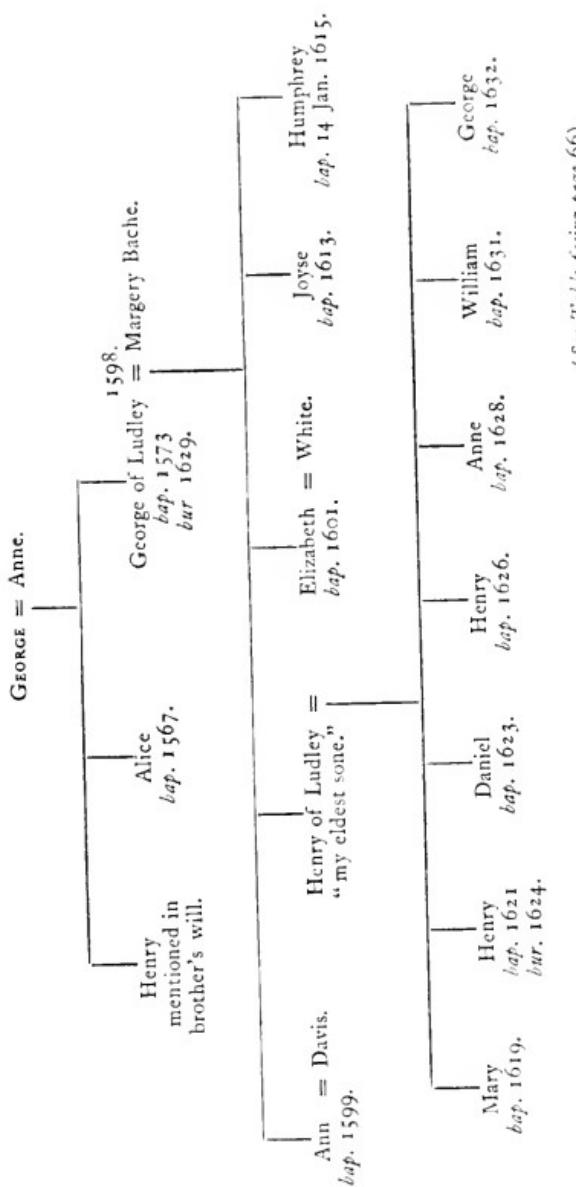
DANIEL, bap. 1623, son of Henry

Daniel was a yeoman of Romsley and died in or before 1675 leaving no male issue. We have his Will proved 1675 with Inventory and also an interesting Indenture dated 9 June 1674 now in the Birmingham Public Library.

WILL OF DANIEL, bap. 1623

In the name of God Amen I Danyell Grove of Romsley in the parische of Halesowen & County of Salop yeoman being weake in body but whole in minde and of good & perfect memory thankes be to god doe make & ordeine my last will & Teastament in

¹ Cf. Table facing p. 66.



manner & sort followinge ffirst I give & bequeathe my soule to Allmighty god hoping to be saved by the meritts of Jesus Christ & my body to the Earth. Wheras Thomas Blunt and George Toky Esquiers by their Indenture of Leasse bearing date the ffirst day of May in the fflowrth & ffifte yeares of the Reigne of Phillip & Mary then Kinge and Queene of England &c. did demise unto Henry Melley then of Romsley in the parish & County aforesayd yeoman and his assignes and sithence deceased one ground called the Harriots nowe into severall partes deuided whereon the sayd Danyell Grove hath Erected one Messuage or Tenement withe a Barne thereunto belonginge for and during the Tearme of One Thousand yeares from thence next ensuing & fully to be compleat and ended which before mencōned premisses by good assurance in the land is come to the handes and possession of the sayd Danyell Grove It^m I give & bequeathe the aforesayd premisses called the Harriott with thaptn̄cs unto *Elizabeth Grove my eldest daughter* To have and to hould the aforesayd premisss called the Harriots unto the sayd Elizabeth Grove my daughter her heires and assignes for & during all the Rest & Residue of the aforesayd Tearme of One Thousand yeares yet to come & unexpired. It^m I give and bequeathe unto *Sarahe Grove my youngest daughter* Tenn poundes to be payd to the sayd Sarahe Grove when shee shall accomplishe the Age of one & Twenty yeares yf shee shall be then livinge. It^m I give and bequeath unto *my brother in lawe Walker* one longe Coate Fawny Coloured and all my Stockings Excepting two payer heareafter bequeathed It^m I give & bequeath unto *Elizabeth Walker my sister* ffifty shillings to be payd her within sixe monethes after my deceasse I give & bequeathe unto the aforesayd Elizabeth Walker all my shirts that I shall leave behynd me It^m I give & bequeath unto *Ann Edson my sister* Twenty shillings to be payd within sixe monthes after my deceasse It^m I give & bequeath unto *Zachary Grove my Eldest brother* my best hatt I give & bequeathe unto *Henry Grove my brother* my second suit of Clothes one Dublett one Coate one payer of Breeches And also all the money that he owethe me. It^m I give & bequeath unto *William Grove my brother* my best suite of Cloathes Coate

Breeches Dublett and wastecoate & Cloake It^m I give & bequeath unto Henry Hanbury one other suit of Cloathes Dublett Coate & Breeches I give & bequeath unto Margery Hanbury wife of the above named Henry Hanbury fifty shillings to be payd her within Sixe monthes after my deceasse It^m I give and bequeath unto Adam Melley my worst suite one Coate Breeches & Dublett It^m I give & bequeath fifty shillings to be distributed to Twenty the poorest families in Romsley quarter at the discretion of my Executors & Ouerseers heareafter named It^m I give & bequeath unto John Goode the younger one payer of Russett Stockinges It^m I give & bequeath unto Moses White one payer of Stockinges And my will is that my Executors shall bestowe Tenn poundes in funerall Expences It^m all all [sic] the Rest of my goods cattell & Chattell & money owing me by bond or otherwise my debts beinge payd & my funerall rights discharged and my body decently brought the ground I give and bequeath unto my daughter *Elizabeth Grove* And I doe ordein and appoint William Smith & *William Grove* my brother Executors of this my last will and Teastament And my will is that my sayd Executors Willam Smith & william Grove shall have Reasonable Charges that they shall be put unto by reason of their Executorships And doe appoint George Harris thelder of Hunngton & Richard brettell of [sic] thelder of Romsley ouerseers to se this my last will & testament performed. I [sic] witnes whereof I have heareunto put my hand & seale the fower & Twentye the day of September in the fouer & Twentye the yeare of the Reigne of our Souereigne Lord Charles the Second by the grace of god of England, Scotland ffirance & Ireland Kinge Defender of the ffaith &c. It^m I give & bequeath unto my Sister *Margery* Twenty Shillings.

Henry Grove Junior

× his mark

Ellinor Smith × her mark

Adam Melley

Danyell Grove his

mark ×

(Proved, 9 Dec. 1675.)

Henry Grove jun., witness, was his brother, and the Overseer George Harris was doubtless a relative of his first wife.

INVENTORY

In the inventory made 11 Oct. 27 Ch. ii. occur the following items :—

It ^m one Joined Bedsted withe one ffeatherbed and furniture to the sayd Bed belonginge	8 0 0
It ^m 69 sheepe	
It ^m one Messuage or Tenement withe certen land thereto belonginge called the Harriots being one leasse of one thousand yeares	15 10 0
It ^m money owing by severall bonds	240 0 0
Debts without security	204 0 0
	4 0 0

Tot. £495 15 6

INDENTURE of 1674 (9 June)

This is between Francys Hancocke of Kingswinford and James Hancock son of Francys Hancocke Clarke, and Daniel Grove of Romsley yeoman. It sets forth that Grove had married Constance Hancocke daughter of Francis, and had received £100 with her as a dowry, himself securing his lands in Romsley to Francis and James as a jointure for Constance by Indenture of 15 Nov. 1667. If Daniel died first, the trustees were to let the widow enjoy it, but if he left issue that issue was to have a half when 18 years of age.

Constance the wife is now dead, leaving an only daughter Sarah, and Daniel the husband is anxious to return the marriage portion and set free his estate.

A comparison of the Will, the Indenture, and the Register shows that Daniel married, 1^{stly} 30 April 1659 Elizabeth Harris who was buried 25 August 1661 after giving birth to a daughter Elizabeth bap. 8 July 1660, and 2^{ndly} in 1667 Constance Hancock by whom he had one child, Sarah. The second wife died before 9 June 1674. The indenture of 1674 would of course mention only the issue of the second marriage, but the Will made rather earlier naturally mentions the daughters of both marriages. It also mentions as brothers Zachary, Henry, and William and as sisters Elizabeth, Margery and Ann.

HENRY and ZECHARIAH, sons of Henry

These two brothers of Daniel appear as married men shortly after the re-commencement of the Register after the ten years' gap 1643-53 during which period they doubtless were married. Henry by his wife Amphela had issue, Henry bap. 28 May 1656, and Anne bap. 30 Ap. 1659. They lived at Hasbury: "Amphelus Grove widow de Hasbury" was buried in 1698.

Zachary or Zechariah also lived at Hasbury, and had by his wife Bridget, Joyce bap. 26 July 1655, and Zecharias bap. 12 June 1658.

WILLIAM, son of Henry

William apparently married Elianor Higgens 17 May 1660: apparently because the bridegroom may have been the William, son of Henry, by Elienor, bap. in 1637.

GEORGE, bap. 1632, son of Henry

George, gentleman of Ludley, married 15 June 1655 Margery White, as the entry shows: "George Grove son of Henry Grove of Ludley in this parish of Halesowen but county of Wigorne yeoman and Margary White spinster to whom y said George Grove was guardian of same place." Banns proclaimed, Ap. 29 May 6 and 13. They had a large family. He made his Will 2 Feb. 1691 and was buried 26 Feb. 1692. It was proved 23 Jan. 1693 by his widow Margery, who on 23 Feb. made hers and who died in 1696.

WILL OF GEORGE (made 1691)

In the name of God. Amen. February the second one thousand six hundred and ninety one. I George Grove of Ludly in the parrish of Halesowen and County of Worcester Gentleman beinge weak in body but of perfect memory and remembrance praised be Almighty god doe make and ordaine this my last will and Testament in manner and forme followe-

inge vidē Imp'mis I Commend my soule into the Hands o:
Almighty god my maker hopeinge through the meritts Death
and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to receive free pardon &
forgiveness of all my sins and to inherritt everlastinge life : And
my Body I Committ to the earth to be decently Buried att the
discretion of my Executrix thereafter nominated And as touch-
inge the disposition of all such Temporall estate as it hath pleased
Almighty god to bestow upon me I give and Dispose thereof as
followeth.

Imp'mis I give to my sonne *Henery* the sume of one shillinge.
Item I give to my sonne *George* my signett ringe.

Item I give to my sonne *Thomas* the sume of Twenty pounds
to be payd within two years after my Decease. Item I give to
my sonne *Daniell* the Mojety of Hauxly meadow beinge a
ffourth part of it after his Aunt Elizabeth Groves Decease but
if he should die before he Attaines to the Age of one and
Twenty then my will and Desire is that my sonne Thomas
should have it.

Item I give to my daughter *Martha* the best featherbed in
the new chamber with all App'tences thereto belongeinge. Item
I give to my Daughter *Ellinor* the Joyne-bed in the same roome.
Item I give to my daughter *Elizabeth* the best bed in the kitchin
chamber with all thereto belongeinge.

Item all the rest of my goods chattles and cattle whatsoever
I give unto *Margery my loveinge wife* and do make her full and
sole Executrix of this my last will and testament revokinge all
former wills by me Heretofore made In Witness whereof I have
Hereunto put my Hand and Seale the day and yeare above
written.

GEORGE GROVE

Inventory appr. 13 Dec. 1693

by "Richard Wight and others."

Proved 23 Jan. 1693 by wife Margery. *Sum £69 5 0*

The testator George was buried 26 Feb. 1692.

WILL OF MARGERY (made 1693)

I Margery Grove of Ludley in the pishe of Halesowen in
the County of Worcester widowe being and this time in pfect

health thanks be to God But being minded to settle that Estate
the Lord hath lent me I doe make this my last will and testam^t
and dispose thereof as followeth—

Item I give and bequeath unto my three daughters Martha
Grove Elianor Grove and Elizabeth Grove and theire heires
forever All that my pasture or parcell of ground with
thappetnes comonly called or knowne by the name of Whitesich
lyeing and being at Warley in the parish of Halesowen in the
County of Worcester nowe in the occupaçon of Maurice Smyth
Upon condicon Nevertheles that my said Daughters doe pay unto
the Exec^r or Exec^{rs} of My late brother Henry Grove the Sum^e
of Twenty pounds with the increasing Interest that is or shall
become due for the same for w^{ch} twenty pounds Hauxley meadowe
is engaged : Item I give unto my three sonnes Henry Grove
George Grove and Thomas Grove Twelve pence a peece. Item
I give to my youngest Sonne Danyell Grove one feather bedd
bolster Beddsteed and all that belongs thereunto And all the rest
and residue of my goods Cattle Chattles and psonal Estate what-
soever my debts and Legacyes being first paid and my funerall
expences dischardged I give and bequeath unto my said three
Daughters Martha Grove Elianor Grove and Elizabeth Grove
Whom I make and ordayne full and Sole Exec^{rs} of this my will
And I revoak and make void all former wills by me heretofore
made In Wittnes whereof I have hereunto put hand and seale
the Twenty third of ffebruary 1693 Annoq. . .

Sealed and deliūed published

and declared to be the last will of the

said Margery Grove

in the p'sence of

the mke of

Jo. Grove

Margery × Grove

the mke of

(seal, a horse's head)

Richard × Wight

the mke of

Phelis × Bradley

Proved 29 July 1697 by Eleanor and Eliza-
beth, Martha being dead.

Inventory made 28 Sept. 1696, amounting
to £134 9 0.

The testator Margery and her daughter Martha were buried on the same day, 17 Sep. 1696.

The executor Elizabeth, subsequently to the making of this Will and before 13 Oct. 1700, married Edward Milward as appears from the following :

WILL OF ELEANOR, dau. of George and Margery

October y^e 13th 1700

first I give & bequeath my soul to God y^t gave it in hopes of salvation through y^e merits of my Redeemer Jesus Christ & being of sound and perfect Minde but weeke of Body, after my funerall Charges are discharged & my debts paid first I give and bequeath to my sister Eliz : Milward y^e just sume of One Hundard Pounds of good & Lawfull mony of England besides one bed all my wareing cloaths Pewter and all my Linnen.

Item I give & Bequeath to my B^r Daniel Grove all y^t part & parcel of Lease Land Lying and being in Oldberry in ye parish of Aliceowing in y^e County of Salhop.

Item I give & bequeath to Eliz : Smith One Guinea to be paid to her within one year after my Burial.

Item I give & bequeath to Margaret Lewis ten shills I do Make my Loving B^r Edward Milward my Whole & Sole Executor of this my Last will and testament Revoking all former wills by me made Item I give and bequeath to Mary ffoones (?) ten Shillings

the Marke of

Ellinor Grove

Witness p:sant

Geo Middlemore

Tho Barrett

W^m Middlemore

(Proved 16 Jan. 1700.)

From these Wills and entries gathered from the Registers we can now give the fourth, fifth, and sixth generations of the family of the first George.

The descent of the family is clear onwards from

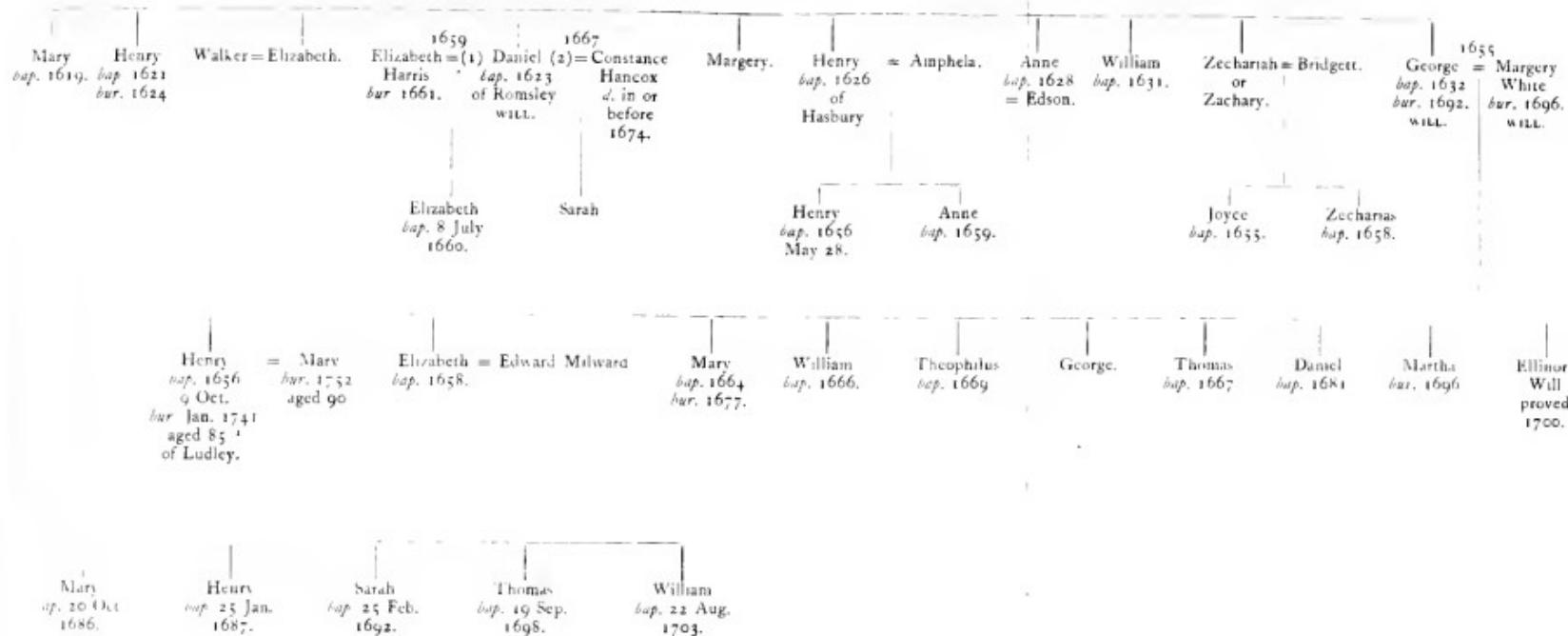
1709 when on 19 Feb. a Henry Grove married Jane

M bap. Mephala.	Anne bap. 1628 = Edson.	William bap. 1631.	Zechariah = Bridgett, or Zachary.	1655 George = Margery bap. 1632 White bur. 1692. bur. 1696. WILL. WILL.
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Anne bap. 1659.	Joyce bap. 1655.	Zecharias bap. 1658.
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Posthumus b. 1669.	George bap. 1667.	Thomas bap. 1667.	Daniel b. 1681.	Victor b. 1646.	Eliz. or Will proved 1700.
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his Wife and Several
inuary the 1741
Aged 90



A red sandstone is thus inscribed:

In Memory of Henry Grove of Ludley Also Mary his Wife and Several
of their children Henry Grove departed this life January the 1741
Aged 85 Mary his wife died the day of 1752 Aged 90

1709 when on 19 Feb. a Henry Grove married Jane Reden, but the identity of the Henry cannot be established beyond question. In all probability he was the Henry bap. 25 Jan. 1687 son of Henry and Mary of Ludley, but there were other Henrys, viz. a son of Henry and Elizabeth of Romsley, bap. 29 Jan. 1686, and a son of Henry and Joan bap. 20 July 1671. It is not unlikely that the Henry husband of Elizabeth was the Henry bap. 1656 son of Henry and Amphela of Hasbury, and if so the Henry bap. 1686 would be the grandson of Henry and Amphela, whereas the Henry bap. 1687 was the grandson of George and Margery.

Passing on from the identity of Henry, we find that his children by Jane Reden were :

- 1710. 20 Nov. Sarah, bap.
- 1713. 7 July William, bap.
- 1714. 30 Jan. Thomas, bap.
- 1718. 21 Sep. Henry, bap. and bur. 14 July 1723.
- 1719. 6 March Mary, bap.
- 1722. 17 March Hannah, bap.
- 1724. 21 Feb. Ann, bap.

To take the younger son Thomas, first. He seems to have been the father by his wife Hannah of three boys, Samuel bap. 29 Aug. 1742, Joseph bap. 23 Sep. 1744, and Thomas bap. 12 March 1748, but there is no certainty of this as there were others of the name just then, viz. Thomas, son of Henry and Mary of Ludley, bap. 1698 ; Thomas s. of Thomas of Ludley, bap. 1704 ; and Thomas, s. of Thomas and Elizabeth of Hasbury, bap. 1720 who however may have been the infant bur. 9 Aug. 1722.

The elder son William's career is clear. Born in

1713 he married Mary Stephens on 25 April 1736 and had a family of five :

- 1736. 9 Jan. Samuel, bap.
- 1738. 10 Dec. John, bap., bur. 6 Feb. 1739.
- 1740. 2 Feb. William, bap.
- 1741. 11 Dec. Mary, bap.
- 1746. 11 Jan. John, bap.

All three sons, Samuel, William and John left Wills now at Worcester, and have stones to mark their resting-places near the West end of Halesowen Church. Near to them is a fast-decaying dark stone with little left but the words William Grove : this probably was their father's.

1. SAMUEL, bap. 1736, married Susanna Parks 22 April 1767 and lived to old age, dying at Hasbury in 1816 aged 79. She died aged 85 in 1823. They left a son Joseph bap. at Frankley 19 June 1768 and bur. at Halesowen in 1844. In his Will made 27 May 1816 and proved 27 Jan. 1817 (not 1816 as given in the Kalendar) Samuel describes himself as a farmer of Hasbury and leaves his property there to his wife and to his son Joseph who acted as sole executor, the only persons mentioned in the Will. His stone is inscribed :

Samuel Grove	
late of the Basonage House	
Hasbury in this Parish	
He departed this life	
Sep. 19 1816	
aged 79 years.	
Also Susannah	
his wife died Jan ^y 30 th	
1823	
aged 85 years.	

Joseph Grove	
late of Basonage House	
Hasbury in this Parish	
who died Feb ^y .	
19 th 1844	
Aged 74 years	
Also Elizabeth his wife	
who died February 21 st	
1861	
Aged 82 years.	

A Joseph Grove married Elizabeth Pryn 29 Sep. 1808.

2. WILLIAM, bap. 1740 married 29 March 1762 Hannah Dearn (who was bap. 25 Oct. 1741 the daughter of Thomas and Sarah Dearn).

His Will, made 26 May 1804 and proved 18 June 1806, describes him as William the elder, farmer, of Hawn. It speaks of his wife Hannah, his two sons William and James, and his four daughters Jane, wife of John Measfield, Elizabeth wife of William Auden, Sarah wife of Isaac Smith, and Hannah. It speaks of his property in Cradley and names Hannah as trustee jointly with Michael Pratt Reading of Cradley.

To the Memory of
William Grove of
Hawn in this Parish
Who departed this life
the 14th of February
1806 Aged 66
Also Hannah Grove
who died Sept. 20th 1825
Aged 84 years.

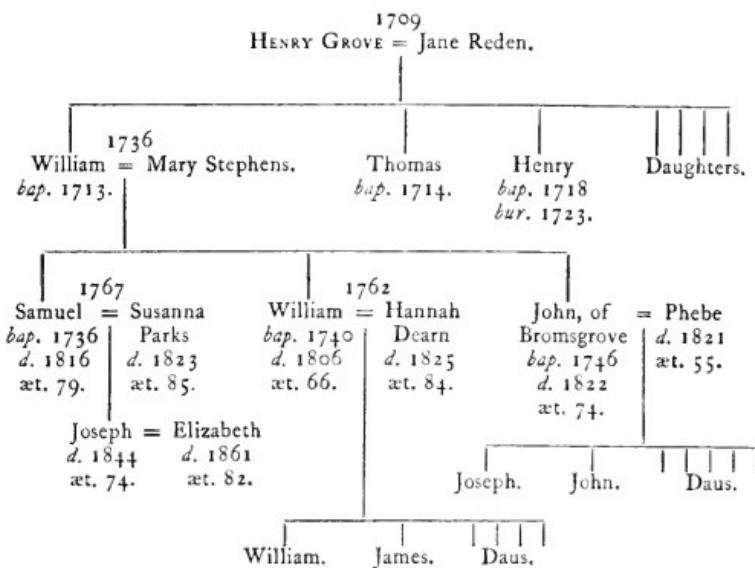
The widow lived at Cradley at the time of her death.

3. JOHN bap. 11 Jan. 1746. His Will, made 13 Nov. 1819 and proved 8 May 1822, describes him as a farmer of the Wildmoor in Bromsgrove, and mentions his wife Phebe, his four unmarried daughters Phebe, Esther, Mary, and Sarah, his two sons Joseph and John and his married daughter Hannah wife of Obadiah Johnson of Belbroughton. The executors are his

two sons jointly with his kinsman Joseph Grove of Hasbury.

Sacred
to the Memory of
Phoebe wife of John
Grove late of the Parish
of Bromsgrove. She departed
this life September 25th
1821 Aged 55 years
Also the aforesaid John
Grove He departed this
life April 15 1822
Aged 74 years.

(Summary)



No attempt has been made to trace the last mentioned generation, and so end the particulars begun on p. 54 of George, grandson of the John living 1538.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

WILLS ETC. 1540-1784

IT is believed that every Grove of Halesowen Will or Administration now at Worcester for the period 1540-1784 has now been given, with the exception of the five following which have been reserved for separate treatment because the persons concerned cannot be identified.

ROBERT OF LUDLEY

First comes the Will, dated 1558 and proved 1559, of a Robert of Ludley speaking of a son Robert and a nephew Roger. The only reference to either of these three is the marriage of Roger with Katherine Burlton on 21 Nov. 1581. It is of course possible that these three left no descendants, but more probably they settled elsewhere and elsewhere their descendants must be looked for. Who the Robert was who made the Will cannot be decided : possibly he was a brother or son of William (2) who died 1566 : anyhow, his death in 1558 would account for his non-mention in the Will of 1566.

WILL

In dei nomine amē In the yere of owre lorde god mccccclvijij
the xxij day of Aprell I Roberte Grove of Ludley of the parish
of Halesowē secke yn body but thanks be to God of p̄fet myd
& memory make my laste Will & Testamēt on thys maner &
forme foleyng Fryste I bequeth my soule to Allmyghte God

to owe blesyd lady & all the wholy company of hevyn & my body to be buryd yn the church yorde of Halesowen & to be onestly browth whome a por my one goods & catell It. I bequeth to the mother church of Worster iiij^d & to the lady aualter of Halesowen vj^d It. I geve & bequeth to *Roberte my Sonne* all my weryng raymēt that ys worth the carege I geve & bequeth unto *Roger my nevy* a yowe & a lame w^t a greate plater forther more I make Margery my wiffe my sole exsecutryx thes beyng ov'seers Thō Hasolde Williā Hyll and geve & bequeth unto hyr all my lands & tenemets lyng yn ludley for the space of vj yeres after my decese after the cusōn & maner of the Kyngs Fre Chapell of wolverhāton and also geve & graunt unto Edward my wyves sonne the rest of thowes vj yeres yf my wyffe donot leve to enjoie thē for the w' grāt Edwardre hyr Sonne shall pay unto Roberte my Sonne xx^l more over my deats payd & I onestly browth whom I geve & bequeth unto *Margery my wyffe* all my goods and catell that I have & hereafter may have not afore bequethed nor hereafter to be bequethed thes beryng wytnes Williā Hyll. Nicolas Greves clake, Thomas Adersuch w^t other the yere and day above specyfyed. Jhon Hasolde Williā Grove tenands of the same holde. pmē Nicolaum Greves.

(Proved at Worcester 28 April 1559.)

Inv^y £9 2. 2. appr^d by William Grove of Hav n and others.

ADMINISTRATIONS OF TWO JOHNS (16C, & 1618)

(1) Admōn dated 18 July 42 Eliz. of the Estate of John of Halesowen was granted to his son John, who undertook to obey the order of the Court with reference to the testator's widow Ann, and is described as a yeoman in the bond along with Nicholas Paston of Kingswinford.

The Inventory of goods appraised at £52 6. 1. was made 15 July 42 Eliz. by William Westwood, William Paston, George Grove, John Pkes, John Mucklome and others.

The parentage of this John cannot be given : he was apparently the godson in John's Will made 1538 and if so must have been 62 at the time of death.

(2) Admōn dated 15 July 1618, of the estate of John "late of Halesowen who deceased at Shipston in the County of Worcester," was granted to Hugh Reade nayler jun^r as administrator during the minority of the son John. The Inventory made by Henry Melley and Robert Powell is dated 26 May 1618.

There is a Bond of 1590 for the marriage of Margery Grove of Halesowen and Hugh Reade of Rowley. This took place 12 Feb. at Halesowen.

This second John, of 1618 Admōn, was possibly the son of the preceding and if so these two admōns give three generations of Johns. On the other hand he may have been the son of Thomas or William (see pp. 49, 51).

WILLS OF TWO WILLIAMS OF HASBURY (1706 & 1726)

(1) Will, dated 8 Jan. 1704 and proved 12 Feb. 1706, of William "of Hasbury," buried 14 July 1705. The bequests include 1s. to daughter Mary, 40s. to daughter Margery, £8 to daughter Elinor, £8 to daughter Joyce, 10s. to each of four grandchildren Joseph Sanders, William Sanders, Samuel Sanders, and Mary Sanders. William the son is appointed sole executor and residuary legatee. The witnesses to the Will which was signed by the testator are Ri Higgins jun^r, John Parker, and Margery Hornblower who made her mark. The seal bears the initials R.H. doubtless Richard Higgins'.

The Inventory shows that the estate valued at £56 15. 0. was made up of wearing apparel £2, ready money £24, 60 sheep £8, and "in desperate debts" £22 15. 0.

(2) Will made 8 Nov. and proved 24 Nov. 1726 of William, yeoman, of Hasbury, who was buried 12 Nov. 1726. His loving wife, whose name is not given, is appointed executrix and receives the use of everything until her death, after which event half of the estate at Hasbury is to go to his daughter Mary Fewster and her children, and the other half to his grandchildren, Thomas, Mary and Elizabeth Bartlett. (In 1733 a child of John and Mary Fewster of Hasbury, was baptized by the name Susanna.)

The Inventory is dated 15 Nov. 1726, and the value £130 5. 0.

The Register contains the following marriages:—

- 1660. William Grove = Elianor Higgens, 17 May.
- 1683. William Grove = Margery Assaby, 6 Nov.
- 1692. William Grove = Mary Holmes, 18 May.
- 1697. William Grove = Marjory Wood, 6 Sep.

APPENDIX B

PEARSALL AND PESHALL FAMILIES

Speaking of the old family of Peshall of Horseley in Eccleshall, co. Stafford, Grazebrook's "Heraldry of Worcestershire" (p. 438) says : "In the year 1612, John Peshall of Horseley was created a baronet and was succeeded in that dignity by his grandson, Sir John, in 1646, and he by his son, Sir Thomas Peshall, on whose death in 1712, without surviving male issue, the title is generally supposed to have become extinct. But about the year 1771, the Rev. John *Pearsall*, the descendant of a respectable yeoman family seated for several generations at Hawne in the parish of Halesowen, changed the name he had hitherto borne and assumed the style and designation of 'Sir John Peshall, bart.' alleging that he was descended from one Humphrey Peshall, whom he affirmed to be a second son of the first baronet. To support these pretensions, the name of the rev. gentleman's grandfather Thomas (who died in 1714 æt. 62) which had originally been engraved *Pearsall* was changed upon his tombstone at Halesowen to *Peshall*, and a tablet was placed in Halesowen church commemorating the births marriages and deaths of sundry *Peshalls* of Hawne including Humphrey, 'fil' D'ni Joh'is de Horseley Hall in agro Staff' B'ti.' It is of course *possible* that these Pearsalls were descended from a second son of the Horseley baronet, but it is far more *probable* that they derived their descent from Humphrey Peysall, husbandman, who in the year 1562 obtained a lease of lands in Hawne for 1000 years."

Nash (i. 534) thus alludes to the tablet and tombstone :

"Against a pillar in the north side of the middle aisle is an inscription which the ignorance of the stone-cutter etc. has almost rendered unintelligible.

M.S.

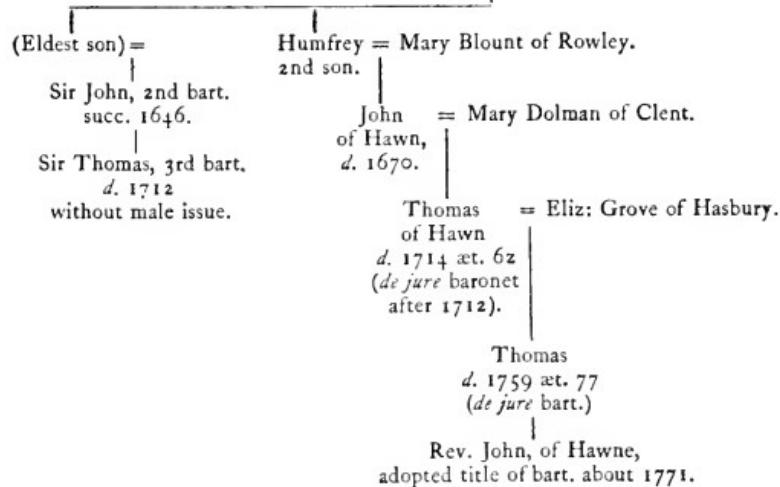
Humfri Peshall huj. par. fil. Dñi Johis de
Horsly Hall, in Agro Staff. B'ti. uxorem duxit
Mariā fil. R. Blount de Rowley. ex quā suscept
Joh. Laur. Hum. Mariā Eliz. Ianā. Obt. Iul.
12. 1650 æt 51

Joh. fil. & Hær. de Halle, huj par. ex
Maria filia R. Dolman de Clent, filia reliq^t.
supstes Eliz. Tho. Mariā, Sara, Lydia. Ob^t
Mar. 1. 1670 æt 50. Thomas præd. de Hallen,
B'tus (post mortem Tho. Peshall de Staff. B'ti,
anno 1712 f. p.) Ob^t Mar. 20. 1714, æt 62.
huic pep^t uxor ei Eliz. fil. I Grove de Hasbery
Thomam B'tum, defunct, Sep.^t 14 1759 æt 77.

"In the body of the church is a flat stone with this inscription : Here lieth the body of Thomas Peshall [formerly engraved Pearsall] late of Hawn, gent. who departed this life the 25th day of March A.D. 1714 and was buried on the 22^d of March in the 63^d year of his age. Memento mori (grandfather to Sir John Peshall)."

If we read the tablet correctly, the Rev. John Pearsall claimed the following as his descent :

Sir JOHN of Horsley =
cr. bart. in 1612.



and if the claim is reliable Eliz. Grove, who married Thomas Pearsall on 17 August 1676, was a baronet's wife though she never passed as such. Her husband was born about 1652 and the gap in the register (1643-53) is doubtless responsible for the absence of record of his and her baptisms. Probably she was a daughter of James by Anne Perks and sister of James and Daniel (p. 18).

The name is spelt *Pearsall* in the following Halesowen entries :—

1676. 17 Aug. Thomas P. and Elizabeth Grove married.
1688. 15 July. John s. of Thomas P. de Hawn by Elizabeth, bap.
— 28 July. ditto buried.
1694. 27 June. Tho. s. of Thomas P. by Elizabeth bap.
1705. 31 Jan. Thomas, buried.
1714. "M^r. Thomas P. sen^r de Hawn Buryd the 22^{ad} March."
1759. "M^r Tho^s P. of Hawn Bur^d. Sep^r 17."
Thomas Pearsall by his wife Ann had Elizabeth bap. 16 Feb.
1714; Thomas, bap. 19 July 1716; John, bap. 19 Feb. 1717.

APPENDIX C

EARLIEST WILLS OF MEMBERS OF HAGLEY, ROWLEY, OLDSWINFORD AND KINGSNORTON BRANCHES

WILLIAM OF HAGLEY 1558

In the name of god Amen. the 22 Daye of August in the yere of
or lorde god 1558. I *Wyllm grove of Wassell* in the pysshe of haggel
wthin the coñtie of Woster Sycke in bodye but of holl and pfect
memorye Do make my Wyll and testament in maner and forme
folowynge Fyrst I bequeth my soole to Almyghtie god of whome
I aske m̄cye for my offens et c : and my bodye to be buryed in
the churche of haggel: It^m I wyll that my wyfe shall have all
my lands tyll my heyre come to his full age. And that she shall
inhabyte my howse and have the use of all my goods to m̄tayne
her and my chyldrē, so longe as she kepyth her selfe wydowe:
and yf she marrye I wyll y^t she shall have all suche goods as she
brought wth her: It^m I wyll that all my goods be devyded equallye
amonge my vi chyldren when theyr mother Doth marrye, and
yf any of the vi chyldren dye before that tyme, thē that chyld
pte of goods to be devyded amongst the rest of my chyldern.
And to my Sone John I gyve no pte of my goods because he
shall have my lands when he cometh to hys age. It^m I wyll that
my depts and funerall charges shalbe payd of my wholle goods.

It^m I do ordayne and make margerye my wyfe and John my
Sone my lawfull executours to execute this my last Wyll.

It^m I do ordayne and make the pson of pedmore my overseor
& he to have for hys payns iii^s ivii^d

These beyng wytnesses Rychard Harve? clarke
Wyllm Harvey John Collyns wth other

£34 4^s 1^d
Inventory taken 10 Feb. 1558 by John Collynce
Willm Patchet & Thomas Rosse.

Proved xx Feb. 1558.

GEORGE OF ROWLEY

The will is made 24 June 1575 : proved 14 Jan. 1575.

He describes himself as of Rowley but does not add his profession or trade.

He leaves his estate to his brother "Lawrens" and "Mgerie willets my cosin," and appoints them executors, and directs that he be buried at Rowley.

The following entries at Rowley are of interest :—

1540. Oct. 24. John Willets & Margery Grove weded.

1553. Dec. 2. Law. Grove = Margery Turnocke.

1554. Sep. 26. Agnes d. of Law. Grove bap.: bur. 1 Jan.

1555.

1555. Dec. 12. Richard s. of Law. Grove bap.

Among other baptisms are those of the children of John viz. Jone in 1541 Margery 1543 John 1548 Thomas 1551 Richard 1553, and the children of William viz. William 1541 Agnes 1544 Catharine 1547 Henry 1549, Eliz. 1550 Agnes 1552 Robert 1553 Thomas 1555 Phil. 1557.

JOHN OF OLDSWINFORD

This was made 22 Feb. 1665 and proved by Joana, exec^x 11 Sept. 1669. John, yeoman, of Oldswinford. Mentions a dau. Mary, son John, brother-in-law John Smallman, son William, dau. Elizabeth. The Will speaks of all tools belonging to the trade of weaving : and of his land lying by Katherwell and Yearnbarrow Hill. Six sheep and £50 are left to Mary "provided that if the said Mary shall not Demean and Dispose of her se'fe to the good liking of my wife and John Smallman aforesaid it shal bee lawfull for them or the survivor of them to deseyne all or any part of the said Sume and Dispose of the same for the said Mary as to them shall seem convenient."

The will is signed by the testator. The inventory was made 21 Aug. 1669 by Nicholas Addenbrooke, Thomas Bradley, Nicholas Whitmore and Richard Hornblower. Total £44 4. 6.

KINGSNORTON

Between 1575 and 1626 there are several Wills etc. of the family of Greevs, Greves, Greve of Kingsnorton.

The earliest of the name Grove of Kingsnorton seem to be an admōn and Inventories of 1621 and 1622 of three sisters Anne, Eleanor and Isabel granted to or made by their brother Francis. Admōn of Elnor and Isabel of *Kingsnorton* was granted in 1621: and the three following seem to refer to the same though the place of residence is not given :

1622. Inventory of Anne Grove spinster taken 2 April 1622 by Henry Baker and John Littleford. Exh^d 9 May by Francis Grove brother & adm^r.

1622. Inventory of Elioner Grove spinster taken 2 April 1622 by Henry Baker & John Littleford Exh^d 9 May by Francis Grove brother & adm^r.

1622. "The last will nuncuptaive of Isabell Grove of Bromsgrove made and declared by her Immediatly before her death.

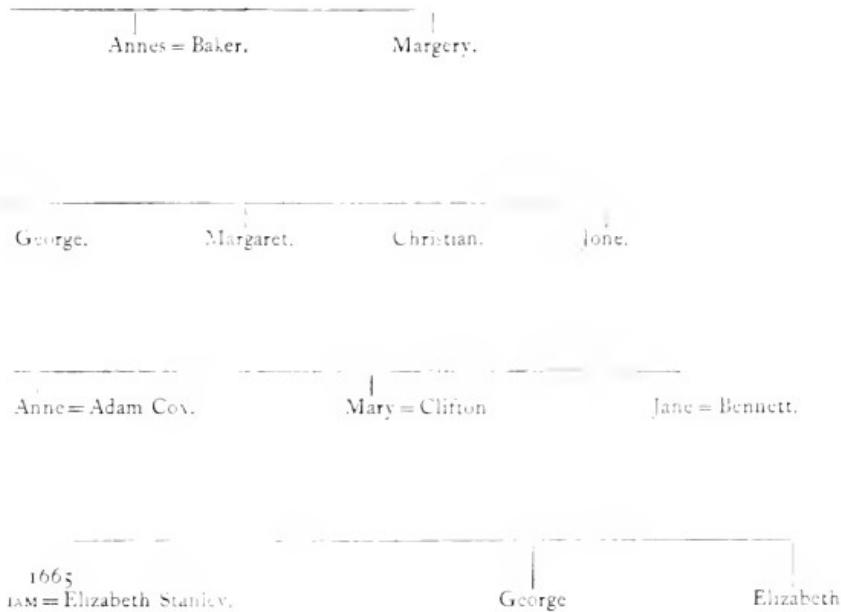
Inprimis she the said Isabell Grove did give and bequeath unto Anne Grove her sister all her money goodes debtes & Chattells, made & declared

in the pnce of Henry Cookes, Anne Cookes Fraunces Grove."

Inventory made 2 April by Henry Baker and John Littleford : exh^d 9 May by Francis brother & adm^r.

E FAMILY OF HALESOWEN

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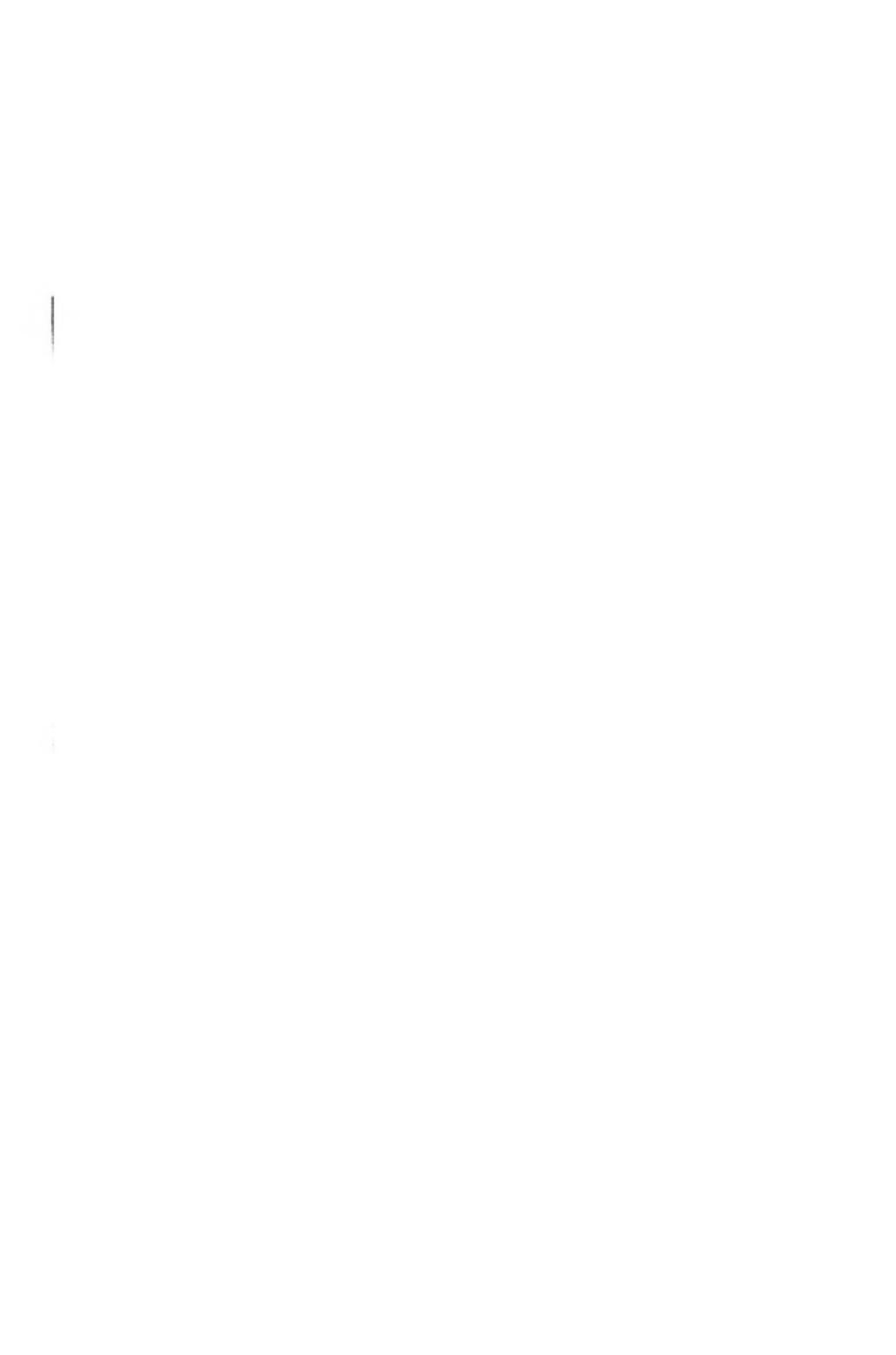
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